

§ 48-3-234. Nonidentifying information about minor.

(a) Within a reasonable time before an agency places a minor to whom this Part applies for adoption with a prospective adoptive parent, the agency shall provide or cause to be provided to the prospective adoptive parent nonidentifying information specific to the minor, in addition to information provided pursuant to G.S. 48-3-205, that is known to or reasonably obtainable by the agency and material to the prospective adoptive parent's informed decision to adopt the minor. To the extent that it is not already being provided under G.S. 48-3-205, the nonidentifying information shall include all of the following:

- (1) The minor's family, cultural, racial, religious, ethnic, linguistic, and educational background.
- (2) The minor's physical, mental, emotional, and behavioral health.
- (3) Circumstances that might adversely affect the minor's physical, mental, emotional, or behavioral health.
- (4) The minor's medical history, including immunizations.
- (5) The medical history of the minor's biological parents and siblings.
- (6) The history of an adoptive or out-of-home placement of the minor and the reason the adoption or placement ended.
- (7) The minor's United States immigration status.
- (8) Medical, therapeutic, and educational resources, including language-acquisition training, available to the adoptive parent and minor after placement for adoption or adoption to assist in responding effectively to physical, mental, emotional, or behavioral health issues.

(b) Subject to the requirements of Article 9 of this Chapter, an agency shall include available records relevant to the information in subdivisions (1) through (8) of subsection (a) of this section when providing the information, regardless of whether the information is provided pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or G.S. 48-3-205.

(c) If, before an adoption is finalized, additional information under subsection (a) of this section that is material to a prospective adoptive parent's informed decision to adopt the minor becomes known to or reasonably obtainable by the agency, the agency shall provide the information to the prospective adoptive parent.

(d) If, after an adoption is finalized, additional information under subsection (a) of this section becomes known to the agency, the agency shall make a reasonable effort to provide the information to the adoptive parent. (2025-25, s. 46(a).)