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I, _____, give consent for my minor child

_____ to sign a *Voluntary Acknowledgment of Parentage*
(Minor child's name)

form with _____, who gave birth to the child on
(Name of child's delivery parent)

_____.
(Child's date of birth)

Minor child's parent's printed name:

Minor child's parent's signature: | Date:

WITNESS CERTIFICATION

It is my understanding that the person who signed this form is a legal parent of the minor child who wishes to acknowledge parentage.

Witness Signature: | Date:

Instructions to Hospital Personnel for *Parental Consent for Minor Child to Sign a Voluntary Acknowledgment of Parentage*

In the case of a minor child who is financially dependent on parents, the ***Parental Consent for Minor Child to Sign a Voluntary Acknowledgment of Parentage*** (VS-42D) must be completed by a legal parent before the minor child may sign the VS-42D form.

Prior to completing the VS-42D form, hospital staff should obtain a government-issued picture identification from the consenting parent and determine whether the parents of the minor parent are still married to one another.

If they are married, either parent of the minor child may give consent. If the minor child's parents are divorced, the parents will need to provide a certified copy of the divorce decree. If the parents have JOINT custody, either parent may give consent. If one of the parents has SOLE custody, only the parent with sole custody may give consent for the minor child to sign the VS-42D form. If the parents were never married to one another AND both parents' names are listed on the birth certificate of the minor child, either parent may give consent. If the parents were never married to one another AND only one parent's name is listed on the birth certificate of the minor child, only the parent listed on the birth certificate may give consent for the minor child to sign the VS-42D form.