PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | MARYLAND

Date: [Date] Parent / guardian: [Full name]

Mailing address: [Street, city, state, ZIP] Contact (optional): [Email / phone]

To: Maryland Department of Human Services, [County] Department of Social Services, CPS — [Office / worker]

Re: [Child initials / reference number]

To the child protection investigator and supervisor:

Maryland Family Law § 5-706 requires investigation or authorized alternative responses to reported abuse or neglect. Please identify which pathway applies and document my choices regarding voluntary adult actions.

NOTICE REGARDING VOLUNTARY CONSENT

I do not give blanket advance consent to voluntary interviews of me, consensual nonemergency entry or searches, optional adult testing or evaluations, blanket releases of confidential records, or proposed voluntary services and safety plans. I will consider each request individually, including after consulting counsel. This notice does not prohibit a lawful child interview, emergency action, or valid court order.

STATE-SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS AND RIGHTS

- COMAR 07.02.26.05 gives eligible persons 60 days AFTER RECEIPT of a findings notice to request an OAH hearing for an indicated finding or a local conference for an unsubstantiated finding. Receipt is presumed three business days after the date shown on the notice; document the actual receipt date and act promptly.
- If an unsubstantiated finding is unchanged at conference, COMAR 07.02.26.09 generally allows 60 days after receiving the conference summary for an OAH hearing request; if no summary arrives within 20 days, an 80-day-from-conference procedure applies. COMAR 07.02.26.06 requires disclosure of related criminal proceedings and may stay the hearing.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- Worker and supervisor business contacts, investigation number, disclosable allegations, and whether this is investigative or alternative response.
- Copies of any proposed safety plan, release, test, examination, home-entry request or voluntary service; clarify which items are legally required and provide the supporting authority.
- The actual findings notice, applicable appeal form, OAH hearing fee or documented fee-waiver request, and conference/hearing deadlines. Please identify the procedure and any current related criminal or court proceeding that changes the appeal schedule.

Please place this notice in the agency record and acknowledge receipt. Routine, nonurgent requests may be delivered in writing; urgent child-safety concerns can be communicated promptly.

Parent / guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

LEGAL REFERENCES: Md. Code, Family Law §§ 5-706, 5-706.1; COMAR 07.02.07; 07.02.26.03, .05, .06, .08 and .09.

CAUTION: This notice is NOT an appeal. Different procedures apply to indicated and unsubstantiated findings; missed fee, form, conference or hearing steps can defeat review. Confirm court-related restrictions with counsel.

IMPORTANT - NO APPEAL FILED: This notice does not file an appeal, hearing request, grievance, or court petition; it does not pause any deadline. Follow the case-specific notice and filing instructions.