# PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

## NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | MISSISSIPPI

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

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

To: Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (MDCPS) - [Assigned worker or local office]

Re: [Child initials or case / assessment number]

To the assigned caseworker and supervisor:

I understand Mississippi Code § 43-21-353 provides for reporting and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect. Please document my choices about actions that depend on consent and promptly identify the concerns as permitted by law.

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I do not give blanket voluntary consent to adult interviews, consensual nonemergency entry or search of my home, optional evaluations/testing, disclosures of my private records, or voluntary services or safety arrangements. I request an explanation of each action, its legal basis and consequences, and an opportunity to consult an attorney. This does not block lawful child-safety action.

**IMPORTANT STATE-SPECIFIC RULES**

- Mississippi Code § 43-21-353 requires MDCPS, at initial investigation contact with an identified subject or responsible caregiver, to inform the person of the specific allegations, subject to confidentiality protecting the reporter.
- Miss. Code § 43-21-257(3), as amended by 2026 SB 2805 (effective July 1, 2026), limits placing a name on the MDCPS Central Registry to specified criminal-conviction or court-adjudication grounds ordering registry placement; court clerks must transmit qualifying judgments. An agency abuse/neglect investigation finding is not, by itself, the same as a court-authorized registry listing.
- MDCPS Administrative Appeals Policy (effective July 17, 2023) requires eligible General Appeals to be RECEIVED in writing within 30 days after MDCPS sent its action notice (adminhearings@mdcps.ms.gov). It does NOT expressly identify all ordinary substantiation decisions as eligible; Youth Court orders require separate court appeals. Do not assume this 30-day procedure covers your case.

**PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING**

- Investigator and supervisor names and business contacts, case/reference number, and the specific complaints/allegations disclosable under § 43-21-353.
- Whether any proposed home visit, records request, examination, test, service or safety arrangement is voluntary or compulsory, with the legal basis for required action.
- The finding, its classification and legal consequences; whether MDCPS intends Central Registry placement and the court judgment/order authorizing it; the written case-specific appeal basis, eligibility, correct deadline, submission instructions and legally releasable records.

Please place this notice in the agency record, respond in writing to the address above, and confirm receipt. For urgent child-safety concerns, contact me through the available lawful channels.

Sincerely: _____  Date: _____

Printed name: _____

LEGAL REFERENCES: Miss. Code §§ 43-21-353, 43-21-257(3) (2026 SB 2805, effective July 1, 2026); MDCPS Administrative Appeals Policy (7/17/2023); older 18 Miss. Code R. 6-1-A-II-IV (current applicability uncertain).

CAUTION: The current Central Registry statute requires a qualifying court basis; an agency finding does not itself establish registry placement. The 30-day General Appeals procedure may NOT cover your finding. This letter is not an appeal or individualized advice.

**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.