

§ 15-8-15. Evidence relating to paternity.

Rhode Island Statutes

Title 15. Domestic Relations

Chapter 15-8. Uniform Law on Paternity

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Evidence relating to paternity may include:

- (1) Evidence of sexual intercourse between the mother and alleged father at any possible time of conception;
- (2) A written report of blood or tissue typing test results including a calculation of the probability of paternity as specified under § 15-8-11 ;
- (3) Medical or anthropological evidence relating to the alleged father's paternity of the child based on tests performed by experts. If a man has been identified as a possible father of the child, the court may, and upon motion of a party shall, require the child, the mother, and the man to submit to appropriate tests;
- (4) All other evidence relevant to the issue of paternity of the child; and
- (5) Copies of bills for parentage testing, and for prenatal and postnatal health care of the mother and child may be introduced into evidence without the need for foundation testimony or other proof of authenticity or accuracy and without the necessity of calling the expert as a witness, unless an objection challenging the test procedures or results has been filed within ten (10) days before any hearing at which the results may be introduced into evidence and a cash bond posted with the registry of the family court in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of the duly qualified expert or witness to appear and testify.

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