

**§1915. Adjudication of parentage based on genetic testing; multiple claims of parentage**

**1. Parentage based on genetic testing.** If the court adjudicates parentage based on genetic testing, the following apply.

A. Unless the results of genetic testing are admitted to rebut other results of genetic testing:

(1) If genetic testing results pursuant to section 1904 exclude a person as the genetic parent of a child, the court shall find that person is not a genetic parent of the child and may not adjudicate the person as the child's parent on the basis of genetic testing; and

(2) If genetic testing results pursuant to section 1904 identify a person as the genetic parent of a child, the court may adjudicate the person as the child's parent, unless otherwise provided by this chapter. [PL 2021, c. 610, §10 (AMD).]

B. If the court finds that genetic testing under section 1904 neither identifies nor excludes a person as the genetic parent of a child, the court may not dismiss the proceeding. In that event, the results of genetic testing and other evidence are admissible to adjudicate the issue of parentage. [PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]  
[PL 2021, c. 610, §10 (AMD).]

**1-A. Adjudication of multiple claims of parentage.** In a proceeding to adjudicate parentage based on a claim of, or challenge by, a genetic parent who is not a donor or involving a genetic parent who is not a donor that also involves a challenge to an acknowledged parent under subchapter 3 or a presumed parent under subchapter 4, the court shall adjudicate parentage based on the factors set forth in section 1912, subsection 2.

[PL 2021, c. 610, §11 (NEW).]

**2. Inadmissible evidence.** Testimony relating to sexual relations or possible sexual relations of the woman giving birth at a time other than the probable time of conception of the child is inadmissible in evidence.

[PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

**3. Adjudication consistent with this chapter.** An adjudication of parentage based on genetic testing is subject to the requirements and limitations of this chapter.

[PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW). PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF). PL 2021, c. 610, §§9-11 (AMD).

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