

SUBJECT: Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) Paternity Order or Hospital Paternity Program (HPP)

Please contact the Policy Unit if you have any questions regarding these or any other changes at <u>DCSS-POLICYQUESTIONS@azdes.gov</u> or call 602-771-8127

This FYI provides procedures to update the PACC (Paternity-Child Case) screen when there is a paternity order from the CRIT court and an earlier paternity establishment by HPP.

Under the CRIT rules of court, attorneys cannot file a petition for paternity and establishment under the same action. They must file for paternity first, then establishment as these are considered two separate actions.

When the original filing in the CRIT court is for paternity, update the PACC screen with the CRIT order information.

When the original filing in the CRIT Court is for establishment because paternity was already established by HPP, but the noncustodial parent (NCP) does not believe he is the father, he may request and be granted genetic testing.

- If the test shows the NCP to be the father, populate the PACC screen with the original date for HPP.
- If the NCP is not the father, update the Genetic Testing section of the PACC screen per the LPR (Legal Presumption Rebuttal) information found in the PORT under Global, Inactivation Codes. Then close the case under 885 NCP Excluded (Establishment).

Information on the action filed with the CRIT court may be found on the CAHL (Case Hearing List) screen. If this information is not on the CAHL screen or in the imaged file, you may contact Mitch Padilla at <u>Mitchell.Padilla@azag.gov or 928-759-1727</u> for further assistance.