



STATEMENT OF RISK REGARDING CHILD'S HEALTH

I/we understand that various medical, psychological, emotional and social problems may exist in children adopted internationally and domestically. I/We have fully researched the risks in such an adoption due to either lack of equipment for testing or lack of reliable history of the child and/or parents.

I/we accept and understand that Journeys of the Heart is not liable for any unknown medical, psychological, emotional or social problems.

I/we have researched various medical and social problems and risks in adoption including, but not limited to the following conditions:

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| Salmonella | Under Stimulation |
| Tuberculosis | Delayed Development (physical, psychological, & speech) |
| Hepatitis B | Vision and Hearing Problems |
| Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effect | Venereal Disease |
| Milk Intolerance | Decayed Teeth |
| Dehydration | Learning Disabilities |
| Scabies | Malnutrition |
| Parasitic Infection | Depression |
| Pneumonia | HIV/AIDS |
| Undiagnosed Congenital Problems | Prematurely born |
| Retardation | Abuse (physical, emotional, sexual) |
| Rickets | Pervasive Developmental Disorder |
| Drug Exposure | ADD/ADHD |
| Institutionalization | Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) |
| Reactive Attachment Disorder | |
| Mental Illness | |

We have researched these risk factors including the characteristics of high risk and unknown birth parents. We understand that many tests for young children are unreliable at best and that our child has been referred to us with the expectation of good health based upon available information. In addition, we have had the opportunity to discuss medical, psychological, emotional and social risks with a physician of our choice.

We acknowledge, understand and accept Journeys of the Heart's "Medical and Psychological/Social Policy" and hold harmless the agency personnel and Board of Directors for diseases and conditions that are not known to Journeys of the Heart and that cannot be diagnosed with reliability.

MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL/SOCIAL POLICY

It is the policy of Journeys of the Heart Adoption Services to provide adopting parent(s) with all of the information known to Journeys of the Heart about the various medical, psychological/social and emotional problems that may exist in a child that is being considered for adoption by a family. This means that Journeys of the Heart will not hide known information. It does not mean that Journeys of the Heart assumes responsibility for discovering or developing additional or new medical or psychological/social information that may exist but has not been passed on to Journeys of the Heart by other agencies or individual(s). The risk for unknown or unreported medical and psychological/social information or conditions is assumed by the family seeking to adopt a child.

Adoptive Parent Signature

Adoptive Parent Signature

Print Name

Print Name

STATE OF _____)

_____)

COUNTY OF _____)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public state of _____

My commission expires: _____