

TITLE 8: FAMILY LAW AND PROBATE
DIVISION 1: DOMESTIC RELATIONS

§ 1409. Report of Petitioner's Expenditures.

(a) Except as specified in subsection (b) of this section, the petitioner in any proceeding for the adoption of a minor child shall file, before the petition is heard, a full accounting report in a manner acceptable to the court of all disbursements of anything of value made or agreed to be made by or on behalf of the petitioner in connection with the adoption. The report shall show any expense incurred in connection with:

- (1) The birth of the minor;
- (2) Placement of the minor with the petitioner;
- (3) Medical or hospital care received by the mother or by the minor during the mother's prenatal care and confinement;
- (4) Services relating to the adoption or to the placement of the minor for adoption which were received by or on behalf of the petitioner, either natural parent of the minor, or any other person;
- (5) Fees charged by all attorneys involved in the adoption, including those fees charged by out-of-state-attorneys;
- (6) If the natural mother is not a resident of Commonwealth, the cost of transportation back to the place of the mother's country of origin; and
- (7) Reasonable living expenses received by the mother during her pregnancy and confinement.

(b) This section does not apply to an adoption by a stepparent whose spouse is a natural or adoptive parent of the child.

(c) Any report made under this section must be signed and verified by the petitioner. In addition to any other penalties, a fraudulent declaration under this section shall be cause for the court to deny the petition.

Source: PL 8-42, § 11.