

ADOPTION SUBSIDY AGREEMENT - REVIEW

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES - ADOPTIONS SFN 856 (12-2024)

☐ IV - E Eligibility ☐ Non IV - E Eligibility ☐ State Exception
Case ID Number

For the purpose of facilitating the legal adoption of: Child's Adoptive Name Child's Birth Name (if adoption not finalized) Date of Birth County The following Agreement has been entered into, by and between this Agency: State Agency **Email Address** Telephone Number Address City State ZIP Code and adoptive parent(s): Adoptive Parent #1 Full Name Telephone Number **Email Address** Adoptive Parent #2 Full Name **Email Address** Telephone Number City State Mailing Address ZIP Code I. PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT MONTHLY CASH PAYMENT No Yes Standard Amount **Excess Maintenance** Childcare **Total Monthly Payment** Renegotiation Timeframe Effective Date of Payment Next Review Due Date Annually Bi-Annually Specifications Medical Care/Medicaid In accordance with the procedures of the state in which the adoptive child resides (IV-E). Non IV-E in resident state that offers reciprocity. In accordance with the procedures of the State of North Dakota (Non-IV-E). **INSURANCE INFORMATION** Does the family have a private insurance policy to which the child was or will be added? No Yes If yes, provide a copy of the front and back of all current medical cards (health, dental, vision, and prescription) If card is missing contact information, provide below. Company Name ID Telephone Number **Group Name** Group Number Type of Coverage Date Child Effective on Policy Dental Hospital Doctor Court Ordered Vision RX Address City State ZIP Code Name of Policyholder Policyholder Number Effective Date ZIP Code Policyholder Address City State

This Agreement shall remain in effect regardless of the State of which the adoptive parents are residents at any given time. This Agreement is binding on the parties of the agreement unless termination occurs as a result of one or more of the conditions set forth in Section III. Termination.

Adoptive Parent Signature	Date
Adoptive Parent Signature	Date
Authorized State Agency Signature	Date

When the review is completed and approved, the original will be forwarded to the adoptive parents.

AGREEMENT PROCEDURES

II. Notification of Change

The adoptive parent(s) shall immediately notify the agency of any payment irregularities/discrepancies from the amount established in this signed agreement. Parents should complete the Change Report for Adoption Assistance (SFN 816) to report any of the following changes:

- A. The adoptive parent(s) will immediately notify the agency, in writing, if they are no longer legally responsible for the support of the child or are no longer supporting the child.
- B. Adjustments in monthly subsidy may be made, if requested by the adoptive parent(s), at the time of annual renewal of the Agreement or at any time the needs of the child change. Requests for change must be in writing and include information regarding the child's need.
- C. The excess maintenance and childcare rates are time limited. These amounts may be suspended if required documentation is not returned when requested.
- D. Parents will notify agency of changes of address.
- E. The adoptive parent(s) will notify the agency of circumstances which would make them ineligible for payments, or eligible for payments in a different amount (i.e. approval or discontinuance of SSI).
- F. The adoptive parent(s) will immediately notify the agency if their minor child is no longer residing with them and/or has been placed in foster care. The adoptive parent(s) will provide documentation of their continued financial support of the child and will cooperate with renegotiaton of the subsidy amount.

III. Termination

Termination will occur in any of the following circumstances:

- A. This Agreement will terminate upon the conclusion of the terms of this Agreement.
- B. This Agreement will terminate upon the adoptive parent(s)' request.
- C. Subsidy payments will terminate when the child reaches the age of 18. Subsidized adoption may be provided **at State Option** (see below) until the child is 21 years of age. Adoptive parent must request continuance of subsidy in writing prior to the recipient's 18th birthday and must provide documentation to support the request. Requests for extension and/or reinstatement must be in writing and verification of school attendance must be submitted. If the subsidy has been suspended for lack of school verification, reinstatement will be as of the date of request and/or when school attendance commences.
- D. This Agreement will terminate upon the child's death.
- E. This Agreement will terminate upon the death of the parent(s) of the child (one in a single parent family and both in a two-parent family).
- F. This Agreement will terminate at the cessation of legal responsibility of the adoptive parent(s) for the child.
- G. This Agreement will terminate if the agency determines that the child is no longer receiving support from the adoptive parent(s).
- H. This Agreement will terminate if the family fails to participate in the renewal process for subsidized adoption.

IV. Appeal

Adoptive parent(s) may appeal the agency's decision to reduce, change or terminate adoption in accordance with rules and procedures of the State's fair hearing and appeal process (IV - E and Non IV - E recipients only). Information may be requested from the state agency.

STATE OPTION

IV-E Subsidy may continue until the child's twenty first (21) birthday if services are required for a mental and/or physical disability. State subsidy may continue until age 21, if the agency determines the child is a student regularly attending a secondary, post secondary, or vocational school in pursuance of a course of study leading to a diploma, degree, or gainful employment. Verifications of disability or school attendance are required. If payment is suspended for lack of school verification, reinstatement will only occur as of the month of the request and/or when school attendance commences.