TITLE IV-E INITIAL SUBSIDY ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (CFS)/ADOPTIONS
SFN 855 (3-2021)

Clear Fields

Name of Child	CCWIPS Case Number

Date Adoption Proceedings are to be Initiated

A. Special Needs Requirement:

Has the state determined that the child cannot or should not return to the home of his parents through a court order terminating parental rights OR is the child to be adopted through a Tribal Court which does not require TPR and the agency has documented the valid reason why the child cannot or should not be returned to the home of his/ her parents?

- ☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.
- ☐ Yes - Does the child meet any of the following special needs factors as indicated on the Determination of Special Needs (SFN 1084)? (Check all appropriate factors.)
  - ☐ Age 7 or older
  - ☐ Member of a sibling group
  - ☐ Member of a minority group
  - ☐ Physical, mental or emotional disability
    - List Conditions
  - ☐ At high risk for physical, mental or emotional disability as diagnosed by a physician
    - ☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.
    - ☐ Yes - Has a reasonable, but unsuccessful effort been made and documented to place the child without providing adoption assistance or medical assistance?
      - ☐ Yes - Specify location of documentation and GO TO B. — Location of Documentation
      - ☐ No - Are the adoptive parents persons with whom the child has developed a significant emotional tie?
        - ☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.
        - ☐ Yes - Specify relationship and GO TO B. — Relationship

B. AFDC Relatedness:

Was the child AFDC eligible in the home of removal under the standard in effect in the States IV-A State Plan on July 16, 1996 at the time of the voluntary placement agreement or initiation of court proceedings to remove the child from the home?

- ☐ No - Go to C.
- ☐ Yes - Was the child removed from the home by a judicial determination that indicated it was contrary to the child's welfare to remain in the home?
  - ☐ Yes - Go to F.
  - ☐ No - Was the child removed by a valid voluntary placement agreement?.
    - ☐ Yes - Were IV-E payments made on behalf of the child while the voluntary placement was in effect?
      - ☐ Yes - Go to F.
      - ☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.
    - ☐ No - Was the child voluntarily relinquished to the IV-E agency, another public agency with which the title IV-E agency has a written agreement which is in effect or a private not-for-profit agency?
      - ☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.
      - ☐ Yes - Was there a petition to remove the child from the specified relative who voluntarily relinquished the child within 6 months of the date the child last lived with the specified relative?
        - ☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.
        - ☐ Yes - Was there a subsequent judicial determination indicating that remaining the home was contrary to the child's welfare?
          - ☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.
          - ☐ Yes - Go to F.

C. SSI:
Is the child eligible for SSI benefits?

☐ No - Go to D.

☐ Yes - Go to F.

D. PRIOR ADOPTION:
Was the child eligible for title IV-E adoption assistance in a prior adoption?

☐ No - Go to E.

☐ Yes - Go to F.

E. MINOR PARENT:
Is the child a child of a minor parent in foster care that received increased title IV-E maintenance payment to cover the costs of the child?

☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible. Go to Schedule _____, "applicable child" provisions of P.L.110-351.

☐ Yes - Go to F.

F. ADOPTION SUBSIDY AGREMENT:
Is the Subsidized Adoption Agreement signed?

☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.

☐ Yes - The child is eligible for IV-E Adoption Assistance Benefits.

Reviewer	Date
Effective Date of IV-E Subsidy Eligibility	Effective Date of State Funded Subsidy
Effective Date of Subsidy Exception	Effective Date of MA for Tribal Subsidy Payment