



## TITLE IV-E INITIAL SUBSIDY ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES-ADOPTIONS

SFN 855 (7-2024)

Name of Child	CCWIPS Case Number	Date Adoption Proceedings are to be Initiated
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### Foster Care Eligibility Determination

☐ IV-E ☐ EA OR Regular Match ☐ Tribal 638

#### A. SPECIAL NEEDS REQUIREMENT:

Adoption assistance payments may be made to parents who adopt a child with special needs. In the case of a child who is an applicable child, the child shall not be considered a child with special needs unless the following are met. Has the state determined pursuant to established criteria, that the child cannot or should not return to the home of his/her parents?

☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.

☐ Yes - Has the State/Tribe determined that there exists with respect to the child a specific factor or because of which it is reasonable to conclude that the child cannot be placed with adoptive parents without providing adoption assistance and medical assistance as indicated on the SFN 1084 (Check all that apply);

☐ Age 7 or older

☐ Member of a sibling group: First name(s) of siblings being placed with: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 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

**OR**

☐ The child meets all medical or disability requirements of title XVI with respect to eligibility for supplemental security income (SSI) benefits

☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.

☐ Yes - Has the State/Tribe determined that, except where it would be against the best interest of the child child because of such factors as the existence of significant emotional ties with prospective adoptive parents while in the care of the parents as a foster child, a reasonable, but unsuccessful, effort has been made to place the child with appropriate adoptive parents without providing adoption assistance under this section or medical assistance under title XIX?

☐ Yes - Specify location of documentation and GO TO B.

Location of Documentation

☐ No - Are the adoptive parents persons with whom the child has developed significant emotional ties?

☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.

Relationship

☐ Yes - Specify relationship and GO TO B.

#### B. REMOVAL INFORMATION - APPLICABLE CHILD:

At the time of initiation of adoption proceedings, was the child in the care of a public or licensed private child placement agency or Tribal agency pursuant to an involuntary removal of the child from the home in accordance with a judicial determination to the effect that continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child; or a voluntary placement agreement or voluntary relinquishment;

☐ No - Go to C.

☐ Yes - Go to F.

#### C. SSI:

Does the child meet all medical or disability requirements of Title XVI with respect to eligibility for SSI benefits?

☐ No - Go to D.

☐ Yes - Go to F.

**D. MINOR PARENT:**

Was the child residing in a foster family home or childcare institution with the child's minor parent, and the child's minor parent was in such foster family home or child care institution pursuant to an involuntary removal of the child from the home in accordance with a judicial determination to the effect that continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child; or a voluntary placement agreement or voluntary relinquishment?

- ☐ No - Go to E.  
☐ Yes - Go to F.

**E. PRIOR ADOPTION:**

Was the child determined eligible for adoption assistance payments with respect to a prior adoption (or who would have been determined eligible for such payments had the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 been in effect at the time that such determination would have been made); and is available for adoption because the prior adoption has been dissolved and the parental rights of the adoptive parents have been terminated or because the child's adoptive parents have died?

- ☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.  
☐ Yes - Go to F.

**F. ADOPTION SUBSIDY AGREEMENT:**

Is the Subsidized Adoption Agreement signed by the parent(s)?

- ☐ No - STOP: The child is not eligible.  
☐ Yes - The child is eligible for IV-E Adoption Assistance Benefits.

Subadopt Worker Signature	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

**Instruction to Worker:** Case information should be added to the Applicable Child Spreadsheet if the child was NOT IV-E eligible in foster care and becomes IV-E eligible for adoption assistance purposes due only to the applicable child provisions (applicable child only status).