

## **Section 6 Overview**

This section is developed to guide resource development workers in decision making, the provision and documentation of services to children and their families, development of community resources, and their subsequent assessment and utilization. These resources are designed to enhance and augment services to children and their families in need of preventive, protective, and out-of-home care services.

Procedures contained in this chapter incorporate assessment standards (largely based on licensing rules) which reflect the concern of the agency for those children who must live apart from their families during some part of their minority. The purpose of these standards is to protect those children from abuse, neglect, injury, and exploitation, and to assist in treatment and improved social functioning.

It is recognized that such direction cannot be all inclusive; therefore, staff will still need to exercise judgment in individual case situations. In those situations in which staff do not follow the procedures, they will be expected to document the justification for their actions in the individual case record.

With each procedure, and each step within a procedure, it may be necessary for the worker to secure supervisory assistance in order to make a decision. The procedures do not contain a reference to worker-supervisor conferences, but this joint decision-making activity is understood to be an integral part of service delivery to community resource providers.

## **Chapter 14 Overview**

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## 14.1 Foster-Adoptive Resources

Families approved to provide foster/adoptive care (FA) must be approved adoptive families who are accepting a child for the purpose of adoption.

The foster/adoptive care (FA) approval is designed to enhance adoption permanency planning for children in CD custody or Class I juvenile courts. It enables staff to authorize out-of-home care payments for children in CD custody for maintenance, special expenses, if needed, and Medicaid to families who are in need of temporary financial assistance.

Children in the custody of Class I juvenile courts and placed with an approved foster/adoptive care (FA) family are entitled only to maintenance and Medicaid services. Payments may be provided until custody is transferred for adoption or the child is removed from the home, whichever occurs first.

This approval does not apply to foster, relative or kinship families who are later approved to adopt a child in their care who is in CD custody. These families are already approved and do not need to be approved again to receive out-of-home care payments.

### Rule Requirements

Rule 13 CSR 40-50.010 includes the following approval requirements:

- a. Prior approval as an adoptive resource, and have had a child placed or are in the process of having a specific child placed;
- b. The filing of a petition for adoption of a specific child;

A petition for adoption may be filed before a specific child is actually placed in order to meet the rule requirement.

### The signing of a CM-6, Cooperative Agreement for the Purchase of

**Foster/Adoptive Care (FA):** The approval period is up to nine months. This period may be extended, as necessary, but not to exceed up to nine months until custody is transferred, an adoption subsidy agreement is approved for an eligible child, or the child is removed, whichever occurs first.

It is not necessary that actual physical placement of the child occur for the cooperative agreement to be signed. However, the plan for the child must be placement and it must occur within a reasonable time after the approval begins.

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