

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

What's Inside:

Expansion of eligible relatives for Guardianship Subsidy. Increase in maximum legal expenses in Guardianship Cases.

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE RELATIVES FOR GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDY AND INCREASE IN MAXIMUM LEGAL EXPENSES IN GUARDIANSHIP CASES

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff that Great-Grandparents, Great-Aunts and Great-Uncles are now included in the eligible relative category to obtain Guardianship Subsidy.

In an effort to provide for the permanency of Missouri Children, the definition of eligible relatives to receive guardianship subsidy has been expanded as of September 1, 2010 to include Great- Grandparents, Great-Aunts and Great-Uncles.

Additionally, a change has been made to include children who are SSI eligible ***prior to the completion of Adoption or Guardianship*** as subsidy eligible children.

The maximum amount to be paid for the legal expenses to establish a legal guardianship has been increased to \$2000 for both contested and uncontested guardianships.

NECESSARY ACTION

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS

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FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

N/A

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

N/A

RELATED STATUTE

RSMo 453.072

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

13 CSR 35-38.021 Provision of Guardianship Services

COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS

N/A

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)

N/A

PROTECTIVE FACTORS N/A

Parental Resilience

Social Connections

Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development

Concrete Support in Times of Need

Social and Emotional Competence of Children

FACES REQUIREMENTS

N/A