

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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M E M O R A N D U M

What's Inside:
Changes to Legal
Guardianship
Agreement

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

FROM: CANDACE A. SHIVELY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP AGREEMENT (CDSG) UPDATE

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify staff that the [Legal Guardianship Agreement \(CDSG\)](#) has been updated to include specific language pertaining to the dollar amount available for Non-recurring Legal Expenses.

“Nonrecurring legal expenses directly related to the child’s legal guardianship are not to exceed a maximum amount of \$2000 as determined by the Division’s policy or any duly promulgated state regulations, as set forth in this Agreement.”

The updated version of the Legal Guardianship Agreement (CDSG) should be used for any new guardianship subsidies being negotiated as of the date of this memorandum.

NECESSARY ACTION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	
N/A	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS	
N/A	

<p>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES Child Welfare Manual: Section 4, Chapter 30, Attachment A</p>
<p>RELATED STATUTE 473(d)(1)(B)(iv)</p>
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A</p>
<p>COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A</p>
<p>CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A</p>