

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

What's Inside:

Qualified Individuals
Eligible for
Guardianship Subsidy

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

FROM: CANDACE A. SHIVELY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDY

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify staff that Senate Bill 47 has updated state statute 453.072, RSMo to include additional eligible parties able to receive guardianship subsidy.

The law now states: "1. Any subsidies available to adoptive parents pursuant to section 453.073 and section 453.074 shall also be available to a qualified relative of a child or a qualified close nonrelated person who is granted legal guardianship of the child in the same manner as such subsidies are available for adoptive parents. 2. As used in this section: (1) "Relative" means any grandparent, aunt, uncle, adult sibling of the child or adult first cousin of the child, or any other person related to the child by blood or affinity; (2) "Close nonrelated person" means any nonrelated person whose life is so intermingled with the child such that the relationship is similar to a family relationship."

Policy has been updated to reflect the individuals eligible for guardianship subsidy.

FACES changes have also been made to expand the list of 'qualified relationships' eligible to receive guardianship subsidy to include:

Foster Parent
Friend
Neighbor
Other Caregiver
Other Relative
Sibling-in-Law
Sibling Spouse
Step-Sibling

Please ensure that the applicable qualified relationship is identified in the A/C Case Placement Information screen in FACES.

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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FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

N/A

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

N/A

RELATED STATUTE

RSMo 453.072

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

13 CSR 35-38.010

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

Qualified Relatives for Guardianship Subsidy