

EFFECTIVE

April 1, 2012.

SUBJECT

New item

AAM 631, Extension For Youth Adopted At Ages 16-17, is being added to allow DHS to extend title IV-E-funded and state-funded adoption assistance agreements up to age 21 for adoptees who were adopted on or after their 16th birthday, who have a subsidy contract in place prior to finalization and who meet additional criteria.

The policy defines youth as an individual who is at least 18 years of age, but less than 21 years of age.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE**

This is in lieu of the state and title IV-E-funded extension AAM 630, for youth adopted on or after their 16th birthday.

Reason: Fostering Connection to Success and Increasing Adoption Act of 2008.

Communication Plan: Young Adult Adoption Extension PowerPoint, Young Adult Adoption Assistance Extension Application Time Frame Flow Chart, and Adoption Assistance Extension Process Flow Chart.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**

Added Items ...

AAM 631