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## MEDICAL SUBSIDY ELIGIBILITY

### Certification Criteria

A child may be eligible for an adoption medical subsidy if all of the following are met:

1. The child was in foster care through the Michigan public child welfare system at the time the petition for adoption was filed.
2. Certification was requested and approved before the child's 18th birthday.
3. The expenses to be covered by the medical subsidy are necessary because of an identified physical, mental, or emotional condition of the child which existed, or the cause of which existed, before the adoption petition was filed.

### Application

The application procedure for medical subsidy depends on whether the child's adoption is pending or the child has been legally placed in adoption. Procedures are as follows:

1. **For children whose adoption is pending**, the child's adoption worker shall submit a DHS-1341, Adoption Assistance and/or Medical Subsidy Application to the Adoption Subsidy Office.
2. **For children** whose Order Placing Child After Consent (PCA 320) or Order of Adoption (PCA 321) has been signed by the court, the adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian(s) (if adoptive parent(s) is/are deceased) must submit a DHS-1341A, Parent's Application for Adoption Medical Subsidy for An Adopted Child to the Adoption Subsidy Office. The adoption worker will assist the adoptive parent(s) by:
  - a. Providing the DHS-1341A form.
  - b. Assisting the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) (if adoptive parent(s) is/are deceased) with completing the form.
  - c. Informing the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) (if adoptive parent(s) is/are deceased) that the effective date of the agreement will be the date the DHS-1341A, Parent's

Application for Adoption Medical Subsidy for An Adopted Child, is received in the Adoption Subsidy Office, if the required documentation is received in the Adoption Subsidy Office within 90 calendar days of the application receipt date. The application will be denied if documentation is not received by the Adoption Subsidy Office within 90 calendar days of the application receipt date. In the event of a denial, the adoptive parent(s) may reapply for adoption medical subsidy.

## Documentation Requirements

Documentation requirements for medical subsidy certification include:

- **All documentation (with the exception of medical birth records of prenatal drug exposure) must be signed and dated within 12 months of the application date by the appropriate diagnosing professional:**
  - Physical conditions must be documented by licensed physicians.
  - Emotional conditions such as anxiety disorder, adjustment disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, or attachment disorder must be documented by a licensed psychologist, psychiatrist, licensed master's social worker, or physician. In cases where the diagnosing professional is not in Michigan, an equivalent state license is required.
  - Psychiatric conditions such as bipolar disorder or schizophrenia must be documented by a licensed psychiatrist, or a licensed psychologist.
  - Education/learning conditions such as mental impairment, speech and language impairment, learning disability, developmental delay/disorder, emotional impairment, or autism must be documented by a current Individual Education Program (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) document or a comprehensive evaluation by a psychologist or psychiatrist.
  - Attention deficit disorder /attention deficit hyperactivity disorder must be documented by either a licensed physician or by a fully licensed psychologist or

psychiatrist. When the diagnosis is by a fully licensed psychologist, a comprehensive evaluation is required.

- Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder must be documented by a medical geneticist, a licensed physician, or a licensed psychiatrist.
- Hearing loss must be documented by an audiologist or licensed physician.
- Vision problems must be documented by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or licensed physician.
- Motor impairments and sensory problems must be documented by a licensed physician.
- Prenatal drug exposure must be documented with lab reports or hospital records from the birth.
- Orthodontic problems must be documented by an orthodontist or dentist.
- **The documentation must identify the condition and, for an adopted child, explain how the condition, or its cause, existed prior to the adoption.**

The Adoption Subsidy Office will determine if the documentation submitted for any of the above conditions is sufficient to meet certification criteria for medical subsidy and may request additional documentation.