

EFFECTIVE

October 1, 2011.

Subject(s)

1. FOM 902, Funding Determinations and Title IV-E Eligibility.
2. FOM 902-5, Title IV-E Funding Denial or Cancellation.

1) TITLE IV-E

The following policy items are obsolete. The information contained in them has been combined into one item, FOM 902, Funding Determinations and Title IV-E Eligibility:

- FOM 902-1, Title IV-E Funding Determinations.
- FOM 902-2, Title IV-E Eligibility Requirements.
- FOM 902-3, Title IV-E Age Requirements and Exceptions.
- FOM 902-4, Title IV-E Documentation and Validation.
- FOM 902-6, Court Orders Requiring Inappropriate Payments.

These items are available historically under prior policy versions.

Financial Determinations

The Child Welfare Funding Specialist (CWFS) must complete a redetermination prior to changing a child’s placement to parental home.

Categories of Title IV-E

Policy now clarifies the differences between a child being title IV-E eligible and title IV-E reimbursable.

US Citizenship/Qualified Alien Status

Policy is clarified to reflect changes in the definition of a qualified alien.

Deprivation

Federal guidelines for redeterminations have changed. Continued deprivation is no longer required effective April 1, 2010. If a child was found to have deprivation initially it does not need to be redetermined. Title IV-E funds cannot be claimed for children who were **not** eligible due to a loss of deprivation at redetermination prior to April 1, 2010. Title IV-E eligibility may be reinstated for a child as of April 1, 2010, providing all other eligibility criteria are met.

Legal father is defined as well as how to appropriately determine if the absent parent deprivation factor is applicable.

Time frames for deprivation are clarified in the month of removal. Deprivation must be met in the month of, but prior to the child's removal from the home. Deprivation may not be based on household circumstances that occur after a child's removal.

AFDC Income and Assets

Clarifications have been provided to assist in determining the group size and removal household members when completing an initial determination.

Former AFDC Program Eligibility Requirements for the Youth

Clarifications have been provided to assist in determining the youth's income and assets when completing an initial determination.

Legal Jurisdiction

Definition of a dual ward and how this affects title IV-E eligibility have been updated.

Court Ordered Placement Exception

Details of the court requirements for a court ordered placement to allow the child to remain title IV-E eligible have been added.

Required Judicial Findings

Details are provided to explain acceptable contrary findings for juvenile justice youth. Policy also details the required steps to take if a child is not physically removed at the time the court enters an order for removal.

The signature date on any order is the date used to determine the month eligibility begins and the date that the child may lose eligibility due to court orders.

Reasonable Efforts Not Required

All requirements are listed for the child to be title IV-E eligible if the court orders that reasonable efforts to prevent removal were not required.

Finalize the Permanency Plan

Definition of the removal date to be used when determining the date the finding of reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan must be ordered has been added.

Title IV-E Age Requirements and Exceptions

Details regarding extending a youth's IV-E eligibility beyond age 18 have been added. The youth must be expected to complete graduation requirements prior to age 19.

Case Reading Requirements

The case reading requirements needed when completing the DHS-436, Title IV-E Case Read Instrument have been added.

Reason: Federal Compliance Division clarifications and updated federal requirements.

Communication Plan: Title IV-E power point presentation.

2) TITLE IV-E FUNDING DENIAL OR CANCELLATION

A formatting correction was completed to FOM 902-5, Notice of Denial/Cancellation.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**

Changed Items (content changes) ...

FOM 902

Changed Items (link changes only) ...

FOM 902-5

Deleted Items ...

FOM 902-1

FOM 902-2

FOM 902-3

FOM 902-4

FOM 902-6