

5101:2-47-13 **Foster care maintenance program eligibility: legal Legal responsibility requirements.**

- (A) "Legal responsibility" means that for the care of the child under the Title IV-E foster care maintenance (FCM) program, the Title IV-E agency has legal responsibility for the care and placement of the child. This can be established through a court order, a JFS 01645 "Agreement for Temporary Custody of Child" or a JFS 01666 "Permanent Surrender of Child."
- (B) If legal responsibility is established through court action, the Title IV-E agency must obtain from the appropriate juvenile court an order:
- (1) Removing the child from the home of a specified relative as defined in rule 5101:2-47-14 of the Administrative Code; and
 - (2) Showing the agency to be responsible for the child's care and placement. The court order may be one of the following:
 - (a) An ex parte emergency court order as defined in rule 5101:2-1-01 of the Administrative Code.
 - (b) Temporary custody as defined in rule 5101:2-1-01 of the Administrative Code.
 - (c) Permanent custody as defined in rule 5101:2-1-01 of the Administrative Code.
 - (d) A planned permanent living arrangement order as defined in rule 5101:2-1-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) If the Title IV-E agency's responsibility for care and placement is obtained by a court order, the order leading to the removal of the child from the home of a specified relative must contain a judicial determination to the effect that continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, or that the placement is in the best ~~interests~~ interest of the child. If one of these statements is not obtained, the child will not ~~meet the Title IV-E program eligibility criteria~~ be FCM eligible or reimbursable for this custody episode.
- (D) If the Title IV-E agency's responsibility for care and placement is obtained by a court order, a judicial determination of reasonable efforts, as described in rule 5101:2-47-22 of the Administrative Code, by a juvenile court of competent jurisdiction shall be obtained no later than sixty days from the date the child is removed from the home of a specified relative. ~~The child will be Title IV-E~~

~~program eligible and reimbursable the first day of placement in the month in which all of the program eligibility and reimbursability criteria pursuant to rule 5101:2-47-23 of the Administrative Code and all other requirements of Chapter 5101:2-47 of the Administrative Code are met. If this determination is not obtained by the sixtieth day, the child will not meet the~~ be Title IV-E FCM program ~~eligibility and reimbursability criteria~~ eligible or reimbursable for this custody episode.

(E) For all children who entered care as the result of a JFS 01645 "Agreement for Temporary Custody of Child," the JFS 01645 must be executed in accordance with rules 5101:2-42-06 and 5101:2-42-08 of the Administrative Code. A judicial determination specifying that the placement is in the best interest of the child must be obtained when the Title IV-E agency requests an original thirty-day extension of the JFS 01645 pursuant to rule 5101:2-42-08 of the Administrative Code. If the best interest judicial determination is not obtained when an original thirty-day extension is requested, the child will not be Title IV-E FCM program eligible or reimbursable ~~for this custody episode.~~ after thirty days, except under the following circumstances:

(1) Prior to thirty days elapsing, the Title IV-E agency obtains a court order for custody. Under this circumstance the agency must obtain the best interest determination in the court order giving continued custody to the agency.

(2) Prior to thirty days elapsing, the Title IV-E agency obtains a JFS 01666 "Permanent Surrender of Child." Under this circumstance, the signed, court approved JFS 01666 must contain the best interest determination. The Title IV-E agency must also obtain a judicial determination to the effect that the Title IV-E agency is not required to make reasonable efforts to return the child home due to the parents terminating their parental rights by the one hundred eighty-first day from the date of the signed JFS 01645 "Agreement for Temporary Custody of Child."

~~(F) If the Title IV-E agency's responsibility for the child terminates, and the child reenters care through court action or via a JFS 01645 at a later date, a new JFS 01452 "Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Application/Redetermination Form" must be completed.~~

~~If a trial home visit exceeds six months and has not been authorized by the court, or exceeds the time period the court has deemed appropriate and the child is subsequently returned to foster care, this is considered a new custody episode and requires the Title IV-E agency to complete a new JFS 01452.~~

~~(G)~~(F) A JFS 01666 "Permanent Surrender of Child" signed by the parent(s) is acceptable as a voluntary placement agreement for Title IV-E FCM eligibility purposes if it is the event which initially leads to the ~~PCSA~~ Title IV-E agency having legal

responsibility for the child's care and placement. In such cases, the ~~PCSA~~ Title IV-E agency must, ~~within one hundred eighty days by the one hundred and eighty-first day~~ from the date of placement, petition the court for a judicial determination to the effect that continuation in the home is contrary to the best ~~interests~~ interest of the child or that the placement is in the best ~~interests~~ interest of the child. ~~The judicial determination or a subsequent judicial determination also must certify that reasonable efforts were made by the agency to prevent placement as described in rules 5101:2-39-05 and 5101:2-47-22 of the Administrative Code~~ The judicial determination or subsequent judicial determination of reasonable efforts, as described in rule 5101:2-47-22 of the Administrative Code, must be made by the one hundred and eighty- first day from the date of removal.

~~(H) The Title IV E agency is responsible for documenting the judicial determinations required in this rule, consistent with rule 5101:2-39-05 of the Administrative Code.~~

(G) The judicial determinations required in this rule, must be explicitly documented and made on a case by case basis and so stated in the court order. If the reasonable efforts or contrary to the welfare judicial determinations are not included as required in the court order, a transcript of the court proceedings is the only other documentation that will be accepted to verify that these required determinations have been made.

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