

5101:2-48-18

**Postfinalization services.**

- (A) Each public children services agency (PCSA), private child placing agency (PCPA) and private noncustodial agency (PNA) shall have a written policy on the type and extent of postfinalization adoption services that will be provided by the agency.
- (B) Postfinalization adoption services shall be made available upon the request of the birth parent, the adoptive parent, or the adoptee and may be provided directly or by referral.
- ~~(C) Every adoptive family serving agency (AFSA) shall provide or arrange to provide postfinalization services to families with whom they have placed children through AdoptOhio for nine months after the finalization at no charge to adoptive families. This does not preclude the agency billing from other sources, such as medicaid for payment.~~
- ~~(D)~~(C) If a PCSA, PCPA, or PNA ~~is not an AFSA and~~ does not provide direct postfinalization adoption services, the agency shall:
- (1) Refer each person who requests postfinalization adoption services to an agency that provides such services;
  - (2) Upon request, provide consultation on adoption-related issues to nonagency professionals who may be working with the family.
  - (3) Provide information and services on an individual basis when no appropriate alternative resource can be identified; and
  - (4) Provide information regarding the procedures for releasing identifying information pursuant to rules 5101:2-48-19 and 5101:2-48-20 of the Administrative Code.
- ~~(E)~~(D) If the PCSA which has been contacted by the adoptive parent or the adoptee determines that another agency made the adoptive placement, the PCSA may contact the placing agency and request assistance in providing postfinalization services. However, if another agency is to be contacted, the PCSA may not delay providing immediate assistance to the adoptive parent or adoptee. If the family indicates that they are not able to access services, the PCSA located in the county of the adoptee's or adoptive family's residence shall be the agency responsible for the provision of or referral to appropriate postfinalization services if such services are requested by the adoptee or adoptive parent.
- ~~(F)~~(E) If the PCSA which has been contacted by the birth parent determines that another agency made the adoptive placement, the PCSA may contact the placing agency

and request assistance in providing postfinalization services. However, no delay in providing assistance to the birth parent or adoptee may occur. For purposes of this rule, the PCSA located in the county of the birth parent shall be the agency responsible for the provision of or referral to appropriate postfinalization services if such services are requested by the birth parent.

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