

4.10.4 Child-Specific Foster Home

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LEGAL AUTHORITY:

- [45 CFR 1356.21 Foster care maintenance payments program implementation requirements](#)

Introduction

A child specific foster home is an approved DCBS family foster home that provides placement for children related to them by blood, marriage, adoption, or fictive kin. Child specific foster homes go through the same approval process as regular DCBS foster homes, including pre-service training, home assessments/visits, safety and background checks, and the SAFE home study. A child specific foster parent receives child specific foster care per diem reimbursement for the care of a child in the legal custody of DCBS. In order to support the approval of relative and fictive kin caregivers, non-safety waivers may be applied in the approval of child specific foster homes. Child specific foster homes should be encouraged to meet all standards for foster home approval. However, approvals shall be assessed on a case by case basis to determine waivers that may be necessary for approval.

Procedure

1. Discusses the service array utilizing the Relative Fictive Kin Caregiver Brochure, Service Array Worksheet, and acknowledgment form with the prospective relative or fictive kin caregiver at the time of placement.
2. If the relative or fictive kin caregiver decides to pursue approval as a ~~child-specific~~ foster parent then the SSW and FSOS will ensure that the child remains or is placed in the custody of **DCBS. the Cabinet.**
3. The SSW or FSOS will submit a copy of the completed section 1 of the DPP 1277 **Safety Check and Review Home Evaluation** to the R&C supervisor within three (3) business days of the caregiver's decision to pursue approval as a foster parent.
4. **A relative or fictive kin pursuing foster parent approval is eligible to receive a reduced per diem until the foster home approval is effective. In order to be eligible for this payment all of the following must be present:**
 - A. **The child must be in the custody of DCBS;**
 - B. **The family must be actively pursuing approval as a DCBS foster home; and**

- C. **The family must sign the DPP-179 Relative and Fictive Kin Caregiver Agreement.**
5. The SSW or FSOS will submit a completed and signed copy of the DPP 1277 **Safety Check and Review Home Evaluation** to the R&C supervisor upon completion.
 6. **The R&C worker contacts the prospective family and enters the inquiry into TWIST.**
 7. The R&C worker will assist the relative or fictive kin caregiver in the foster care approval process as outlined in **SOP** Chapter **12.3.0**.

Practice Guidance

- Caregivers **who that** have temporary custody are ineligible for approval as a child specific foster home. ~~effective 4/1/19-~~
- **The DPP-179 Relative and Fictive Kin Caregiver Agreement will be completed with the family once they decide to pursue foster parent approval. This agreement will be completed and uploaded when the SSW enters the child in OOHC. The agreement prompts billing that this is a home that will receive the pre-approval per diem. 1**

Footnotes

1. **Payment begins the date the child enters DCBS custody; it is not backdated. The current per diem rate is six (\$6) dollars per day, but is subject to change or elimination based on available funding.**