

Adoption Subsidy Eligibility Question and Answer

Question: If the child is not a US Citizen, how will this affect the adoption subsidy?

Answer: If the is not a citizen or legal resident of the United States, they are not eligible for a subsidy pursuant to ORC 5101:2-49-02 A (6).

Question: How is the Eligibility for the Provider determined?

Answer: The Provider's eligibility is based on the Home Study Approval Date and the Fingerprints. The Home Study Approval Date will pull from the most recent Home Study or update as of the Adoptive Placement Date. BCI & FBI are user entered.

Question: Why do the BCI & FBI checks not pull through automatically?

Answer: These dates are not able to be system derived as they are not captured in the Home Study based on each applicant/parent. This prevented us from being able to pull through.

Question: What happens with the record if it is for a pre-determination?

Answer: The subsidy will stay as pending until there has been a final approval. If negotiations fall through, the application can be withdrawn.

Question: How are subsidies handled when the family is requesting to continue to receive foster care payments until the adoption legalizes?

Answer: If the family and agency have agreed to continue FCM, that will still be selected on the Adoptive Placement record. When completing the subsidy, the Subsidy Effective Date is the date subsidy payments will start.

Question: If siblings are adopted at different times, does the second child automatically qualify for AA?

Answer: The second sibling still has to meet all the Eligibility Requirements and at least one of the Additional Eligibility Criteria based on their age.

Question: Is the notice of suspension only for SAMS or is it now available for AA as well?

Answer: The notice of suspension is now available for all types of adoption subsidies.

Question: Will the Subsidy still terminate upon the 18th birthday if there is not a review to extend, or will it have to be manually terminated?

Answer: The system will terminate the subsidy as of the End Date if an extension was not completed.

Question: On a SAMS suspension, what if the family is compliant after the suspension is sent?

Answer: You are able to complete another review to document the continued eligibility. This will then re-activate the subsidy.

Question: When an extension is done, and the End Date is set to the 21st birthday, are you then able to terminate the subsidy prior to that date?

Answer: Yes, you will need to go through the process for Notice of Termination and Termination to give the family an opportunity to respond.

Question: Can you see the initial first subsidy amount once you have approved a new amount?

Answer: The Initial subsidy's amount will show inside of the initial subsidy. The subsidy history screen will only show the current amount that is in effect.

Question: When reactivating the AA subsidy, do back payments have to be reissued, or do repayments start from the date the subsidy was reinstated?

Answer: Per rule: 5101:2-49-11 G (G) If the adoptive parent(s) contacts the PCSA while the AA payment is suspended and can provide documentation that meets the ongoing verification requirement to show continued support of the child, AA payments may be reinstated retroactive back to the date of suspension, unless the PCSA has terminated the AA payment pursuant to rule 5101:2-49-13 of the Administrative Code. Please contact IV-E policy if you have further questions.

Question: For the potential providers from the matching conference, does the matching conference have to be marked as complete to have these display?

Answer: Yes, the system will only pull through providers from the most recent completed matching conference.

Question: Do the shares display anywhere else after saved?

Answer: If you go to Create Adoption Payment and enter the month you are wanting to see this breakdown; this screen will show the cost breakdown.

Question: Are stop payments still completed outside the system?

Answer: Yes, please see the Knowledge Base Article Titled [Process for Returned, Voided, Fraudulently Redeemed Warrants and Stop Payment/EFT Cancel Requests](#) for instructions and resources.

Question: Where do we enter information to allow the provider to receive payments as an EFT or check?

Answer: All Provider Payment Information can still be entered using the Provider Payment Information screens. You can also click edit from the subsidy and that will take you to the Provider Payment Information screen to allow for updates.

Question: Will Subsidy approval require Supervisor Approval?

Answer: Yes, all subsidies will require supervisor approval.

Question: The main screen no longer shows the anticipated termination date. Will this affect the Subsidies Terminating report?

Answer: The subsidy history screen will show the Effective and calculated End Date for each subsidy type. The date was just moved. You can also see the calculated End Date within the subsidy

Question: Will Ohio SACWIS now send out or generate the letters for Suspension or Termination?

Answer: The letters can be generated and then printed. The system is not able to send anything.

Question: Is the nonrecurring approval date the date of adoption?

Answer: No, this is the date your agency approved the Nonrecurring Application.

Question: I have a family that waived their right to subsidy but they want Nonrecurring. This has been a problem with entering with the existing functionality. Will it work with the new process?

Answer: This should work with the current functionality, if you are not able to complete the Nonrecurring subsidy, please contact the Automated Systems Help Desk.

Question: On a nonrecurring subsidy, how long do adoptive parents have to file a claim?

Answer: They have 2 years from the Adoption Finalization or Adoption Disruption dates to file a claim.

Question: Can only agreements done under the new functionality be suspended, or can older agreements be suspended as well?

Answer: The functionality for suspending an AA can be used for subsidies that were entered prior to the new functionality, however, according to policy, Suspensions can only be used for subsidies with an Agreement Date within 2018 and forward.