

Guardianship Subsidy Agreement

Agreement Type:

 Initial Revision

PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT: Iowa Department of Human Services		
Address		Phone ()
Guardian(s)		
Address		Phone ()
Child's Name	Birth Date	State ID

AMOUNT OF SUBSIDY:

Daily Subsidy Payment	Effective Date for Payment (signed court order)
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PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT:**A. Purpose**

This agreement is entered into to facilitate the subsidized guardianship placement of the named child. The subsidy will assist the guardian in providing proper care for this child. The agreement shall remain in effect regardless of the state in which the subsidized guardian resides.

The initial *Guardianship Subsidy Agreement* is completed immediately after the permanency hearing naming a guardian for the child. This document must be completed and signed before the Department can authorize any subsidy.

B. Maintenance Payment

The Department shall negotiate the subsidy with the guardians. The daily amount is not to exceed the current basic foster care rate plus any special needs or sibling allowance for which the child may be eligible. This cash payment is based on a flat rate and is paid monthly.

C. Medical Assistance

Medical benefits are available to this child in accordance with the procedures and benefits of the state where the child resides. A guardian who moves from the state of Iowa is required to apply for medical assistance in the state of residence.

D. Responsibilities of the Guardian

The guardian must notify the Department immediately in writing if the child is no longer living with the guardian.

The guardian must complete the medical application or review form at least yearly, or more often if requested. If this is not done, the child could lose medical as well as financial benefits.

The guardian must report any unearned income of the child to the Department. The amount of unearned income may be considered when negotiating the amount of the subsidy.

The guardian must complete a yearly report to the court.

E. Termination

Subsidy payments will cease upon termination of this agreement. Termination will occur in any of the following circumstances:

- The child reaches the age of 18, or on a case-by-case basis, the subsidy may continue until the child reaches the age of 19 to facilitate the child’s completion of high school or a high school graduate equivalency diploma.
- The child marries or enlists in the military.
- When the child no longer lives with the guardian except in the circumstance of 441—204.4(3) *Placement outside of home*.
- Upon the death of the child, or the death of the guardian of the child (one in a single-parent family and both in a two-parent family).
- Upon conclusion of the terms of this *Guardianship Subsidy Agreement*.
- Upon request (documented) of the guardian for a permanent cessation of the guardianship payment.
- Due to the incapacity of the guardian, the guardian can no longer discharge the responsibilities necessary to protect and care for the child, and guardianship was or will be vacated.
- The guardianship case is otherwise terminated by court order.
- The Department funds for subsidized guardianship are no longer available.

F. Appeal

The Department will provide a *Notice of Decision: Services*, 470-0602, to both the guardian and the child that includes the appeal rights.

The guardian may appeal the Department’s decision to reduce, change or terminate assistance in accordance with rules and procedures of the Department’s appeal process. Information on the appeal process may be obtained from the Department.

Guardian	Date	Guardian	Date
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Signed for the Department by:

DHS Worker/JCO	Date
Effective Date of Subsidy Agreement (Initial is date guardianship order is signed.)	Date Signed Agreement Given to Family
DHS/JCO Supervisor	Date