

Explain the following to the prospective adoptive parent(s) at the time of placement:

- The rights and responsibilities of DCFS and the rights and responsibilities of the prospective adoptive parent(s) as listed on the AD 907 or DCFS/A 171.
- DCFS' responsibilities to retain custody of the child and to supervise the adoptive placement until the granting of the final decree of adoption, if applicable.
- Any family history that indicates the potential for the child to have any physical, mental, emotional, or medical handicap or condition which may manifest itself after the adoption.
- The availability of [California Children's Services](#)
 - That assistance under the program will terminate if the adoptive family moves out of California.
 - That the adoptive family may be eligible for a similar program in their new state of residence.
- If the child is being adopted at any point after his/her thirteenth (13th) birthday:
 - The prospective adoptive parent(s) income will not be included in the calculations for determining the child's need for financial aid for college
 - The child will need to indicate his/her status as an independent student when he/she fills out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- If the child was in foster care and adopted after his/her sixteenth (16th) birthday, he/she may be eligible for [Independent Living Program \(ILP\)](#) services except housing assistance programs.
- If the child is being adopted after his/her sixteenth (16th) birthday, he/she may be eligible to extend the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) benefits beyond his/her eighteenth (18th) birthday if s/he meets at least one (1) of the five (5) [eligibility criteria](#).
- The availability of Post Adoption Services and the contact number of (800) 735-4984
- The DCFS [grievance review](#) process.
- The prospective adoptive parent(s)' responsibility to place the child under the care of a licensed physician for routine health care.
- The prospective adoptive parent(s)' responsibility to inform DCFS of any serious injury to or illness of the child, and to obtain prior written consent for all non-emergency surgical and medical treatment of the child until the adoption is finalized.

- The prospective adoptive parent(s)' responsibility to inform DCFS regarding any changes in the composition of the family and the family's place of residence including remodeling or construction until the adoption is finalized.

- That within one (1) business day of determining that a child should be removed from the home of a prospective adoptive parent(s), the CSW must give written notice to the prospective adoptive parent(s) of DCFS' intention to terminate the adoptive placement and must remove the child from the home, unless DCFS believes the child is in [imminent danger](#). In this case, no prior notice is required.

- The prospective adoptive parent(s)' rights to [terminate the adoptive placement](#) and return the child to DCFS at any time prior to the granting of a final decree of adoption.

- That upon receipt of the medical report, the prospective adoptive parent(s) should consult their physician and/or mental health professional for further evaluation or interpretation, particularly if the report contains sensitive material.