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PART 359
AUTHORIZED CHILD CARE PAYMENTS

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Section 359.2 Definitions

"Auxiliary services" means those services provided by the Department to children in their own homes as well as to children in placement which supplement or complement the primary service. For example, when advocacy services are provided to children in substitute care, this is an auxiliary service.

"Child only standard of need" means the assistance standard for cases in which no adult member is included, as determined by the Illinois Department of Human Services.

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"Children for whom the Department has legal responsibility" means children for whom the Department has temporary protective custody, custody or guardianship via court order, or whose parents ~~have~~ signed an adoptive surrender or voluntary placement agreement with the Department.

"Contact between siblings" means contact among siblings who are placed apart from one another, and may include, but is not limited to: telephone calls; video conferencing; sending/receiving cards, letters, emails, text messages, gifts, etc.; sharing photographs or information; use of any approved social media (e.g., Facebook) and any other agreed upon forms of communication technology.

"Family preservation services" means those services provided to children and families who require social services to maintain the family unit intact.

"Foster care payment" means the amount paid by the Department for a child's room, board, clothing, and personal allowance in a licensed foster family home.

"Godparent" is a person who sponsors a child at baptism or one in whom the parents have entrusted a special spiritual duty that includes assisting in raising a child if the parent cannot raise the child. The worker shall verify the godparent/godchild relationship by contacting the parents to confirm the fact that they did, in fact, designate the person as the godparent. If the parents are unavailable, the worker should contact other close family members to verify the relationship. If the person is considered to be the child's godparent, in order for placement to occur, the same placement selection criteria as contained in 89 Ill. Adm. Code. 301.60 (Placement Selection Criteria) must be met. If the godparent is not a licensed foster parent, all the conditions currently in effect for placement with relatives in 89 Ill. Adm. Code. 301.80 (Relative Home Placement) must be met.

"Overpayment" means an amount paid for a service in excess of the actual incurred expenses or rate for that service or a payment for a service that is not rendered. This includes board payments for a child that continue after the child is no longer in the placement for which the payment is made.

"Relative", for purposes of placement of a child for whom the Department is legally responsibility *means any person, 21 years of age or over, other than the parent, who:*

is currently related to the child in any of the following ways by blood or adoption: grandparent, sibling, great-grandparent, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin, first cousin once removed (children of one's first cousin to oneself), second cousin

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(children of first cousins are second cousins to each other), godparent (as defined in this Section), great-uncle, or great-aunt, or

is the spouse, ~~or party to a civil union,~~ of such a relative, or

is the child's step-father, step-mother, or adult step-brother or step-sister; ~~or-~~

is the partner, or adult child of a partner, in a civil union with the child's mother or father.

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Relative also includes a person related in any of the foregoing ways to a sibling of a child, even though the person is not related to the child, when the child and its sibling are placed together with that person. For children who have been in the guardianship of the Department, have been adopted, and are subsequently returned to the temporary custody or guardianship of the Department, a "relative" may also include any person who would have qualified as a relative under this definition prior to the adoption, but only if the Department determines that it would be in the best interests of the child to consider this person a relative. [20 ILCS 505/7(b)]

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"Siblings" means children who have at least one parent in common. Step-siblings may be considered "siblings" when the children enter into substitute care together and have a positive relationship.

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"Substitute care services" means those services provided to children who require placement away from their families or private guardians. Substitute care includes foster family care, care provided in a relative home placement as defined in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 301 (Placement and Visitation Services), Section 301.80 (Relative Home Placement), care provided in a group home, care provided in a maternity center or a child care, mental health or other institution, and care provided in an independent living arrangement.

"Visitation" means face-to-face contact:

- between parents and their children who are in substitute care;
- between siblings in substitute care who are placed apart from one another; or
- between siblings in substitute care with siblings who are not in substitute care (e.g., emancipated, adopted, placed in private guardianship, living in home of parent, etc.).

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)