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Manual Child and Family Services Manual, Title IV-E, Section 1.6.2.1 Ongoing Requirements and Section 1.7.1.3.1 Placement

Transmittal - # 318

The purpose of this transmittal is to provide revised and clarified guidance for *Section 1.6.2.1 and Section 1.7.1.3.1: Title IV-E Foster Care* of the Child and Family Services Manual. Unless otherwise stated, the provisions included in this transmittal are effective April 2026.

Changes to the manual incorporate the federal guidance and provisions around payments to kinship resource families.

This transmittal and manual are available on FUSION at https://fusion.dss.virginia.gov/dfs/DFS-Home/Title-IV-E-Foster-Care/Title-IV-E-Guidance and on the public site for VDSS at https://dss.virginia.gov/about/manuals.cgi

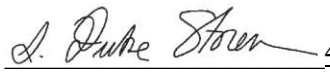
Changes to the Title IV-E manual are as follows:

Section(s) Changed	Significant Changes	Reason for Change
Section 1.6: Ongoing requirements		
1.6.2.1 Kinship foster parent placement	This section was updated to clarify, in conjunction with resource guidance, when title IV-E funds may be utilized for kinship foster parents. Previous guidance stated payments could begin the first date of the month in which the Certificate of Approval was issued, which was incorrect. An example has been added to clarify the updated guidance.	This revision was necessary to bring guidance into compliance with the federal guidelines around the start date for title IV-E payments to kinship foster parents.
Section 1.7: Entitlement to maintenance cost		
1.7.1.3.1 Placement	This section was updated to clarify Foster Care Maintenance Payments (FCMP) may be claimed for the days the results of the criminal record checks have been received and deemed eligible. Also, clarified title IV-	This revision was necessary to bring guidance into compliance with the federal guidelines around when title IV-E payments for FCMP may begin. Also, to highlight title IV-E funds must cease once a child leaves an approved placement or leaves care.

	E funds may not be used after a child is no longer in an approved placement or leaves care.	

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