Permanency Options in Brief

Use of form: Use of this form is required under Wis. Admin. Code ch. DCF 55 (Subsidized Guardianship), for agencies to explain all the permanency options available to caregivers for the child or youth placed in their care. Tribes are sovereign nations, therefore not all permanency options listed below may be available in a Tribal Court, and some Tribes may have additional permanency options available. Refer to applicable tribal code or law.

| | ADOPTION/CUSTO | MARY ADOPTION | GUARDIANSHIP | | | |
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| Eligibility & Requirements | Wis. Admin. Code ch. DCF 50 Adoption/Customary Adoption without Adoption Assistance | Wis. Admin. Code ch. DCF 50 Adoption/Customary Adoption with Adoption Assistance | Wis. Stat. § 48.9795, § 48.977, or a substantially similar tribal law. Guardianship with No Subsidy | Wis. Stat. § 48.9795, § 48.977, or a substantially similar tribal law. Guardianship & Receiving Kinship Care | Wis. Admin. Code ch. DCF 55 Subsidized Guardianship under Wis. Stat. § 48.977 or a substantially similar tribal law § 48.623 | |
| What does Wisconsin Shares (daycare subsidy) income eligibility depend on? | Adoptive parents' income | Adoptive parents' income | Guardians' income | Child's parents' income at the time of removal from the home | Child's parents' income at the time of removal from the home | |
| What is the monthly payment based on? | N/A | The uniform foster care rate setting policy and Wis. Admin. Code ch. DCF 50 | N/A | As stated in Wis. Admin. Code sub. DCF 58.02(17) | The uniform foster care rate setting policy and Wis. Admin. Code ch. DCF 55 | |
| Can an amendment to increase the monthly payment be made based on child's needs? | N/A | Yes, an amendment may be made one year after the adoption/customary adoption order was entered or after a previous amendment request was denied | N/A | No | Yes, an amendment may be made one year after the guardianship order was entered or after a previous amendment request was denied | |
| Is there an annual eligibility review process? | N/A | Only on amendment increases | N/A | Yes | Yes | |
| Does the payment follow the child if they move out-of-state? | N/A | Yes | N/A | No | Yes | |
| Does the guardian retain eligibility for adoption assistance if they later decide to adopt the child? | N/A | N/A | No | No | Yes | |
| Is there a requirement to notify the agency or department if there is a change in circumstance affecting their | N/A | Yes | N/A | Yes | Yes | |

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| | ADOPTION/CUSTOMARY ADOPTION | | GUARDIANSHIP | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Wis. Admin. Code | Wis. Admin. Code | Wis. Stat. § | Wis. Stat. § | Wis. Admin. Code |
| | ch. DCF 50 | ch. DCF 50 | 48.9795, § | 48.9795, § | ch. DCF 55 |
| | Adoption/Customary | Adoption/Customary | 48.977, or a | 48.977, or a | Subsidized |
| Eligibility & | Adoption without | Adoption with | substantially | substantially | Guardianship under |
| Requirements | Adoption Assistance | Adoption Assistance | similar tribal | similar tribal | Wis. Stat. § 48.977 |
| | | | law. | law. | or a substantially |
| | | | Guardianship | Guardianship & | similar tribal law § |
| | | | with No Subsidy | Receiving | 48.623 |
| | | | | Kinship Care | |
| eligibility for | | | | | |
| monthly | | | | | |
| payments? | | | | | |
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| Does the child | No, child may be | Yes | No, child may be | No, child may be | Yes |
| remain eligible | eligible for | | eligible for | eligible for | |
| for Title XIX | BadgerCare+ | | BadgerCare+ | BadgerCare+ | |
| Medicaid or | | | | | |
| Medical | | | | | |
| Assistance (MA)? | | | | | |
| Does a child who | Yes, but not eligible for | Yes, but not eligible for | § 48.9795 Wis. | § 48.9795 Wis. | Yes |
| finds | room and board | room and board | Stat. or a | Stat. or a | |
| permanence after | supports | supports | substantially | substantially | |
| age 16 remain | | | similar tribal law: No | similar tribal law: | |
| eligible for | | | INO | No | |
| independent | | | § 48.977 or a | § 48.977 or a | |
| living services | | | substantially | substantially | |
| such as | | | similar tribal law: | similar tribal law: | |
| education and | | | Yes | Yes | |
| training vouchers | | | | | |
| funds? | | | | | |
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| I acknowledge receipt of this document and understand the contents. | |
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| SIGNATURE - Caregiver | Date Signed |
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