



Guardianship Assistance Eligibility Requirements

| Requirement | Title IV-E GAP | SGAP |
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| GENERAL REQUIREMENTS | | |
| 1. Child must be 13 years or older OR the sibling of an eligible child (<i>with RM approval</i>) OR meet an exception stated in DCS policy (<i>with RM approval</i>) | X | X |
| 2. Prospective guardian must meet the definition of a relative in DCS policy 8.48 | X | X |
| 3. Case plan must be legal guardianship and legal guardianship case plan questions must be answered | X | X |
| 4. Child placed with a licensed prospective guardian for at least 6 consecutive months | X | X |



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| <p>5. Guardianship arrangement must be appropriate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child demonstrates a strong attachment • Adoption or reunification is not an option • Child 13 and older has been consulted • If child under 13 and a sibling, DCS and prospective guardian have agreed guardianship is the appropriate arrangement | X | X |
| <p>6. Background checks for prospective guardians and all household members have been completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fingerprints</u>: Prospective guardian(s) and all household members 18 yrs and older • <u>CPS and SOR checks</u>: Prospective guardian(s) and all household members 14 yrs and older <p>* Background checks from most recent license are used, unless individual was not a member of the household at the time of licensure</p> | X | X |



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| CATEGORICAL REQUIREMENTS | | |
| 1. Removed by a court order with best interests/contrary to the welfare language AND eligible for IV-E foster care maintenance payments OR | X | |
| 2. Sibling of a IV-E eligible child | X | |



Medicaid & NRE

- Children eligible and who receive a Title IV-E GAP payments are categorically eligible for Medicaid
- Children eligible for SGAP will need a separate determination by the Division of Family Resources (DFR) to occur to evaluate the child's Medicaid eligibility
- Children eligible for IV-E GAP and SGAP are eligible for Non-recurring Expenses (NRE) up to \$2,000 based on actual expenses