



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5101:2-42-18.2 Kinship support program.

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(A) The kinship support program (KSP) is available to eligible kinship caregivers to provide financial payments for the placement of children in the kinship caregiver's home. The Ohio department of children and youth (DCY) is to coordinate and administer the program pursuant to section 5101.881 of the Revised Code and provide payments in accordance with section 5101.885 of the Revised Code to the extent funds are appropriated and allocated for this purpose.

(B) "Kinship caregiver" has the same meaning as in section 5101.85 of the Revised Code.

(C) A kinship caregiver who is not certified as a foster caregiver in accordance with Chapters 5101:2-5 and 5101:2-7 of the Administrative Code is eligible to receive KSP payments for a child placed in the kinship caregiver's home pursuant to rule 5101:2-42-18 of the Administrative Code when:

(1) The child is in the temporary, permanent, or legal custody of a public children services agency (PCSA); or

(2) The child is under the care of a Title IV-E agency with legal responsibility for care and placement of the child which has a Title IV-E subgrant agreement in effect.

(D) Eligible kinship caregivers are not to receive KSP payments for more than six months from the date of placement.

(E) KSP payments are to stop when any of the following occur:

(1) The date the kinship caregiver obtains foster home certification in accordance with Chapters 5101:2-5 and 5101:2-7 of the Administrative Code;

(2) The kinship caregiver has received KSP payments for the placement of the child for six months;



- (3) The date the child is no longer in the custody of the PCSA or Title IV-E agency;
- (4) The date the child is no longer placed in the kinship caregiver's home; or
- (5) The date the home assessment is denied pursuant to rule 5101:2-42-18 of the Administrative Code.
- (F) Prior to placing a child in a kinship home, the PCSA or other Title IV-E agency is to provide the kinship caregiver with information about kinship programs and foster care certification pursuant to rule 5101:2-42-18 of the Administrative Code.
- (G) The PCSA or other Title IV-E agency is to enter the necessary data into Ohio comprehensive child welfare information system (CCWIS) to initiate and/or terminate payments for eligible kinship caregivers in accordance with this rule.
- (H) The PCSA or Title IV-E agency is to pay foster care maintenance (FCM) payments for a child placed with a kinship caregiver who is certified as a foster caregiver in accordance with Chapters 5101:2-5 and 5101:2-7 of the Administrative Code, or the equivalent in another state. The FCM payment is to equal the rate the PCSA or Title IV-E agency would pay for the child if placed in a foster home that is not kin.
- (I) If a kinship caregiver becomes a certified foster caregiver pursuant to Chapters 5101:2-5 and 5101:2-7 of the Administrative Code, or the equivalent in another state, after the child was placed with the kinship caregiver, the PCSA or Title IV-E agency is to pay FCM the date the kinship caregiver becomes certified as a foster caregiver.
- (J) Waiver requests by a recommending agency for a kinship caregiver seeking foster care certification are permitted for the following:
- (1) Pursuant to rule 5101:2-5-18 of the Administrative Code, non-safety foster care certification standards; and



(2) Pursuant to section 5103.0329 of the Revised Code, training hours and topic requirements contained in rule 5101:2-5-33 of the Administrative Code.

(K) DCY will send notification to a kinship caregiver of a possible overpayment with the JFS 04065 "Prior Notice of Right to a State Hearing" if an overpayment occurs. The kinship caregiver may be responsible for returning payments they were not eligible to receive to DCY.