

# **Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)**

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## **Participant Guide**

Office of Child Welfare

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## Introduction

### Why This, Why Now? Title IV-E Waiver

- In 2007, Florida entered into a Title IV-E Demonstration Waiver which allowed the state to:
    - Waive certain provisions of the Title IV-E Social Security Act.
    - Use the funds for a wide variety of child welfare purposes rather than being restricted to eligible children in licensed foster care homes or institutions.
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### Why This, Why Now? Title IV-E Waiver Expiration

- The Title IV-E Waiver expired in September 2018. Florida requested and was granted an extension until September 2019.
  - With the sunseting of the waiver, the Department expects to lose \$90 million dollars in revenue that goes to the CBCs to fund services to families and positions.
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## Why This, Why Now? Path Forward

- Path Forward is the statewide initiative to prepare for the post-waiver environment.
  - The Department has identified initiatives that can be used to draw down additional federal funds to support the state's Child Welfare System:
    - Title IV-E Extended Foster Care (EFC) and Extended Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)
    - Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP)
    - Title IV-E eligibility clean-up
    - Candidacy
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## Current Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (MAS) Program

- Adoptive parents who enter into an Adoption Assistance Agreement (AAA) when adopting a child who meets the definition of special needs are eligible to receive maintenance adoption payments and Medicaid.
  - Maintenance Adoption Subsidy and Medicaid both end when the child turns 18 years old.
  - Florida has elected to use the option in the Social Security Act to utilize Title IV-E funds to provide adoption assistance for young adults age 18-21.
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## Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS) Program

- Available to adoptive parents who entered into an initial AAA for a 16 or 17-year-old special needs child.
  - Young adults are able to receive a Maintenance Adoption Subsidy and Medicaid until the age of 21.
  - This new program will:
    - Reduce the risk of a child remaining in foster care.
    - Provide additional financial support to adoptive parents.
    - Allow CBC lead agencies to provide additional support to adoptive families.
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## Policy Changes

Statute	Rule	Policy
Chapter 409.166(4) F.S., Children within the child welfare system; adoption assistance program	65C-16 Extended Foster Care (Draft)	CFOP 170-12: Chapter 2, Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (Draft)

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## Definitions

- **Child:** An individual who has not attained 21 years of age.
- **Young Adult:** An individual who has attained 18 years of age, but who has not attained 21 years of age.



## Implementation Dates

- FSFN functionality goes live on January 4, 2019.

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Extended Maintenance Adoption Subsidy				
Transitioning Youth		Young Adult		
16	17	18	19	20
		20	21	
<p><b>Adoption Assistance Agreement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must Establish Initial AAA and Elect EMAS at age 16 or 17</li> </ul>		<p><b>Continued Participation in EMAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain Qualifying Activity</li> <li>• Redetermination of Young Adult’s Qualifying Activity                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every 6 Months</li> <li>• Change in Qualifying Activity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p><b>Youth Transitioning to Young Adult: <u>60 Days</u> prior to 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain Extended Adoption Assistance Agreement</li> <li>• Document Qualifying Activity</li> <li>• EMAS Payments Begin at 18</li> </ul>		<p><b>Termination of EMAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Terminates When:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Adult is Unable to Document a Qualifying Activity</li> <li>• Young Adult Turns 21</li> <li>• Opt-out</li> <li>• Adoptive parent or Young Adult is deceased</li> <li>• Young Adult not Receiving Support from Adoptive Parent</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Requires Notification of the Department</li> </ul>		
		<p><b>Readmission to EMAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Adult May Re-enter until 21 with a Qualifying Activity</li> <li>• Requires New Extended Adoption Assistance Agreement</li> </ul>		

## Workshop Topics

- Adoption Assistance Agreement (AAA) established at age 16 or 17
- Youth Transitioning to Young Adult (60-Day Period and 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday)
- Continued Program Eligibility
- Implementation Considerations

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## Adoption Assistance Agreement Established at Age 16 or 17

### Adoption Assistance Agreement

- Must Establish Initial AAA and Elect EMAS at age 16 or 17

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### Discussion with Adoptive Family

- Every adoptive family who adopts a child at the age of 16 or 17 must be told about the EMAS and its purpose.
- To qualify, adoptive parents must opt in during the initial AAA.
  - If the EMAS is not included as part of the AAA prior to adoption finalization, the family cannot participate in the program.



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**Participant and Adoptive Parent(s) Information**  
Case Participant: Thomas Starnell Person Id: 900010380 Create Date/Time: 11/05/2018 12:31 PM  
Mother: Susan Summer Father: Sam Summer

**Actions**  
[Adoption Assistance Agreement](#)  
[Adoption Subsidy Termination Notice](#)  
[Adoption Subsidy Disclaimer](#)

**Adoption Subsidy Agreement Information**

Agreement Type: Adoption Assistance Agreement Agreement Signed by both the adoptive parent(s) and a Department representative:  Yes  No

Fiscal Agency: FSFN Demonstration Fiscal Date Signed: 00/00/0000

Service Category: Adoption Eff: 00/00/0000

Service Type: Adoptive Placement Da: \$444.00

Adoption Subsidy Type: Maintenance: IV-E with Medicaid [IV-E Adoption Eligibility](#) Enhanced Subsidy Amount: \$0.00

Provider Name: Susan Summer Agreement Amount: \$444.00

Do the adoptive parent(s) and child elect to opt into the Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy Program?  Yes  No  N/A

Reason Agreement Terminated: Date: 00/00/0000 Legal Cost: \$0.00

Other Non-recurring Expenses: \$0.00

**Enhanced Subsidy Justification**

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### Adoption Assistance Agreement

## Youth Transitioning to Young Adult (60-Day Period)

### Youth Transitioning to Young Adult: 60 Days prior to 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday

- Obtain Extended Adoption Assistance Agreement
- Document Qualifying Activity
- EMAS Payments Begin at 18

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### Program Eligibility Requirements



- To participate in EMAS, young adults must meet the following requirements:
  - Their adoptive parents entered into an initial AAA after the child turned 16, but before they turned 18.
  - Participation in a qualifying activity.

## Notification Prior to 18th Birthday

- Written notification regarding the need to execute the [Extended Adoption Assistance Agreement \(EAAA\) \(CF-FSP 5433\)](#) and program requirements must be mailed to the adoptive parents 60 days prior to the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- If the EAAA is not received after the first notice, an additional attempt to notify the adoptive parents should occur 30 days prior to the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  - Notice may be done by telephone, email, or other correspondence.

The screenshot displays the Florida Safe Families Network software interface. The title bar includes 'Florida Safe Families Network' and various utility icons like 'Hand Book', 'Print', 'Audit', 'Spell Check', and 'Help'. The main window is divided into several sections:

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- Cases:** A text box containing the name 'Starnell, Mommy'.
- Case Participants:** A list of names and dates:
  - Starnell, Mommy (3718463) 11/22/1980
  - Starnell, Andrew (3718464) 04/12/2008
  - Starnell, Wesley (3718465) 04/12/2008
  - Starnell, Jared (3718466) 04/12/2008
  - Starnell, Daddy (3718467) 03/08/1980
  - Starnell, Thomas (900010380) 03/07/2002

A green callout box with the text 'Create from Youth/Young Adult' and a green arrow points to the 'Youth/Young Adult' category in the 'Create Case Items' list. At the bottom right, there are 'Create' and 'Close' buttons.

### Create Independent Living and Extended Maintenance Adoption Subsidy

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**Case Information**  
 Participant Name: [Starnell, Thomas](#) DOB: 03/07/2002 Age: 16 Person ID: 900010380 Case Name: [Starnell, Mommy](#) FSFN Case ID: 3627301  
 Has the Child Ever Been Adjudicated Delinquent?  Yes  No Date of Adjudication: 00/00/0000

**Academic and Life Skills Progress** | Age 13-17 | Age 18-23

**Date of Independent Living Referral**  
 Date: 11/05/2018 Type: Initial [Delete](#)

**Life Skills Assessments**  
 Completed Date | Age | Skill/Type

**Actions:**  
[Upload Image](#)

**Text:**

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Independent Living Page – Date of Referral

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**Case Information**  
 Participant Name: [Starnell, Thomas](#) DOB: 11/05/2000 Age: 17 Person ID: 900010340 Case Name: [Starnell, Mommy](#) FSFN Case ID: 3630781  
 Has the Child Ever Been Adjudicated Delinquent?  Yes  No Date of Adjudication: 00/00/0000

**Academic and Life Skills Progress** | Age 13-17 | Age 18-23

**Young Adult Program Eligibility Information**

Extended Program Eligibility Determination	Date Applied	Type	Effective/Enrolled	Termination Date	Termination Reason	Actions
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**Postsecondary Education Services and Support (PESS) Program**

PESS Determination	Date Applied	Type	Effective/Enrolled	Renew Due Date	Actions
					<a href="#">Insert</a>

**Aftercare Services**

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**Actions:**  
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**Text:**

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**Young Adult Program Eligibility Information**

Young Adult Name: Starnell, Thomas    Person ID: 900010380    Case Name: Starnell, Mommy    FSFN Case ID: 3627301

DOB: 03/07/2002    Age: 16    Type: Initial    Date Applied: 11/05/2018    Effective/Enrolled Date: 03/07/2020

**Extended Program Eligibility Determination: Pending**

On Appeal    Date notified of appeal process: 00/00/0000     Supervisor Eligibility Override

If Ineligible, explain how notified of appeal process:

Reason for Override:

Termination Reason:     Termination Date: 00/00/0000    Date Last Updated:

Redetermination Reason:     Redetermination Date: 00/00/0000    Last Updated By:

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**Young Adult Eligibility Questions**

The questions should be answered based on the effective date entered above. For example, if the young adult is not currently participating in a program to promote employment, but will be as of the effective date, then answer yes to question 6. This allows for final determination to be processed on or after the effective date.

Question	Answer
1. Based on the Effective Date, the young adult's age is:	18 yrs 0 days
2. Did the young adult age out while in the custody of the Department?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
3. Is the young adult enrolled in a secondary education program leading to a high school diploma or equivalent credential?	<input type="radio"/> No
4. Is the young adult enrolled in a postsecondary or vocational institution?	<input type="radio"/> No
5. Is the young adult working at least 80 hours per month?	<input type="radio"/> No
6. Is the young adult participating in a program or activity designed to promote or eliminate barriers to employment? <a href="#">Assets and Employment</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes
7. Does the young adult have a clinical disability from a licensed clinical professional that is documented on the young adult's Medical/Mental Health page within this FSFN case?	<input type="radio"/> No
8. Is the young adult unable to participate in any of the activities listed in questions 3-6 full-time due to a documented physical, intellectual, emotional or psychiatric condition?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. If yes to #8, does the documentation exist from a licensed clinical professional that the condition is necessary or helpful to the young adult's participation in the program? (only for young adult of age 18 and over)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. Has the Young Adult signed a statement of understanding regarding the program?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
11. Was an EFC Voluntary Waiver signed by the Young Adult?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

**Determine EMAS Eligibility**    **Finalize EMAS Eligibility**

    Check to Finalize EFC Eligibility Determination       

*Note: A red box highlights the 'No' answer for question 2, with the text 'These Answers Do Not Apply to EMAS'. A green box highlights the 'Finalize EMAS Eligibility' button, with the text 'Finalize EMAS Eligibility'. A green arrow points from the 'Finalize EMAS Eligibility' button to the 'Check to Finalize EFC Eligibility Determination' checkbox.*

### Young Adult Program Eligibility

## Qualifying Activities

- Completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential
- Enrolled in an institution which provides post-secondary or vocational education
- Participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or eliminate barriers to, employment
- Employed for at least 80 hours per month
- Documentation that they are incapable of doing any of the above activities due to a medical condition

## Supporting Documentation for Qualifying Activities

- Documentation must be obtained that confirms qualifying activities.

Per CFOP 170-12 (2-4):

- a. Documentation for qualifying activities included but are not limited to:
  - i. Completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential.
    1. Copy of most recent report card documenting that the child is in good standings based on their academics and attendance.
    2. Copy of young adult's attendance record.
    3. If the young adult has an IEP, a copy of young adult's IEP must be accompanied by one of the items above.
  - ii. Enrolled in an institution which provides post-secondary or vocational education.
    1. Copy of most recent transcript documenting that the child is in good standings based on their academics and attendance.
    2. A letter on institution's letterhead from the academic advisor stating the young adult is in good standings based on their academics and attendance
  - iii. Participation in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to employment.
    1. Copy of most recent transcript documenting the young adult is in good standings based on their academics and attendance
    2. A letter on institution's letterhead from the academic advisor stating the young adult is in good standings based on their academics and attendance
  - iv. Employed for at least 80 hours per month
    1. Copies of most recent pay stubs that equate to at least 80 hours per month.
    2. A letter on employer's letterhead from the employer stating that the young adult is employed and has worked a minimal of 80 hours per month.
  - v. Documentation that they are incapable of doing any other qualifying activities due to a medical condition.
- b. A young adult who is on a semester, summer break or other break but enrolled in the school the previous semester and will be enrolled after the break, is considered enrolled in school.

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Education

	School Type	Program Type
3. Is the young adult enrolled in a secondary education program leading to a high school diploma or equivalent credential?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative School</li> <li>• Charter School</li> <li>• Group Home Program</li> <li>• Home School</li> <li>• Juvenile Detention/Corrections</li> <li>• Private School</li> <li>• Public School</li> <li>• RTF Program</li> <li>• Vocational/Technical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Education</li> <li>• Alternative Public-School Program</li> <li>• Career &amp; Vocational Education</li> <li>• GED</li> <li>• General Education</li> <li>• Pre GED</li> </ul>
4. Is the young adult enrolled in a postsecondary or vocational institution?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-year college</li> <li>• 4-year college or university</li> <li>• Vocational/Technical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Education</li> <li>• Alternative Public-School Program</li> <li>• Career &amp; Vocational Education</li> <li>• Post-Secondary</li> </ul>



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**General Information**  
 Name: [Starnell, Thomas](#)    Person ID: 900010340    Gender: Male    Ethnicity:  
 SSN:    Date of Birth: 11/05/2000    Race:

**Assets/Liabilities and Unearned Income**    **Employment**    **Credit Checks**

Date Last Updated: 10/30/2018    Last Updated By: Darnell, Kellie (FSFN Demonstration Unit)

**Programs and/or Activities**  
 Document any programs or activities the young adult is participating in, which is designed to promote or eliminate barriers to employment.

Start Date	End Date	Program or Activity Description	Action
10/30/2018	00/00/0000	Working with a Job Counselor at WorkForce Center.	<a href="#">Delete</a>

[Insert](#)

**Employment History**

Eff. From	Eff. To	Employer	Type	Wages
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**Employment Address**

C/O:    Street/PO Box/Route:    Unit    Building:  
 Street:    Unit    Building:  
 PO Box:    Route:    Non-Florida  
 FL City:    County:    Non-Florida  
 City:    State:    Zip:    Country:

[Save](#)    [Close](#)

Answer to Program Eligibility Question #6 is Derived from Programs and Activities

Assets and Employment Page

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**General Information**  
Name: [Starnell, Thomas](#) Gender: Male Race:  
SSN: Date of Birth: 03/07/2000 Ethnicity:  
Medicaid Number:

**Medical Profile** | Medications | Mental Health Profile | Medical History | Disability Information

**Medical/Mental Health Conditions**  
Has the child been clinically diagnosed as having a disability(ies): Yes

Diagnosed Condition Category *	Diagnosed Condition Type *	Begin Date *	End Date	Action
18+ Other	Other disability type, user entered text field.	08/06/2018	00/00/0000	Delete
Behavioral/Mental Health	Conduct Disorder	01/10/2017	00/00/0000	Delete

**Insert**

**Caregiver(s) Information at Time of Intake**  
Emotionally Disturbed: [ ] Learning Disability: [ ] Visually or Hearing Impaired: [ ]  
Other Medical Condition: [ ] Drug Abuse: [ ] Mental Retardation: [ ]

Answer to Program Eligibility Question #7 is Derived from Medical/Mental Health Conditions

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**Actions:**  
**Text:**  
[CBHA Referral and Authorization](#)  
[Consent to Medical Treatment](#)

Medical/Mental Health Page

## Finalizing the Agreement

- When the EAAA is received from the adoptive parents, supporting documentation must be attached confirming that the young adult meets one of the qualifying activities.
- The CBC lead agency has ten business days to sign the EAAA after receipt.



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## Execution of the Agreement Due Date

- The EAAA must be executed by the adoptive parents, the youth, the Child Welfare Professional and, if an adoption subsidy amount exception is being pursued, regional Department professionals before the youth turns 18.
- The effective date of the agreement is the date the youth turns 18 years old.

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## Document Review

### *Extension of Maintenance Adoption Assistance Agreement (EAAA) (CF-FSP 5433)*

- After the EAAA is signed by all parties, it is uploaded into FSFN.
  - Image Category: Adoption
  - Image Type: Adoption Assistance Agreement

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**Participant and Adoptive Parent(s) Information**  
 Case Participant: [Thomas Starnell](#) Person Id: 900010380 Create Date/Time: 11/05/2018 12:43 PM  
 Parent 1:  Parent 2:

**Extended Maintenance Adoption Subsidy**

Agreement Type: Extended Maintenance Adoption Assistance Agreement Agreement Signed by the young adult, adoptive parent(s) and a Department representative:  Yes  No

Fiscal Agency:  Date Signed:

Service Category:  Effective Date/ Date of Agreement:

Service Type:  Basic Subsidy Rate:

**Adoption Subsidy Type:**  Enhanced Subsidy Amount:

Provider Name:  [Search](#) **Agreement Amount:**

Reason Agreement Terminated:  Date:

**Enhanced Subsidy Justification**

### Extended Maintenance Adoption Subsidy Agreement

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**Participant and Adoptive Parent(s) Information**  
 Case Participant: Thomas Starnell Person Id: 900010380 Create Date/Time: 11/05/2018 12:31 PM  
 Mother: Susan Summer Father: Sam Summer

**Adoption Subsidy Agreement Information**

Agreement Type: Adoption Assistance Agreement Agreement Signed by both the adoptive parent(s) and a Department representative:  Yes  No  
 Fiscal Agency: FSN Demonstration Fiscal Date Signed: 00/00/0000  
 Service Category: Adoption Effective Date/ Date of Agreement: 00/00/0000  
 Service Type: Adoptive Placement Basic Subsidy Rate: \$444.00  
 Adoption Subsidy Type: Maintenance, IV-E with Medicaid IV-E Adoption Eligibility Enhanced Subsidy Amount: \$0.00  
 Provider Name: Susan Summer Agreement Amount: \$444.00  
 Do the adoptive parent(s) and child elect to opt into the Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy Program?  Yes  No  N/A  
 Reason Agreement Terminated: (18+) Entering Extended Maintenance Adoption Subsidy Date: 00/00/0000  
 Other Non-recurring Expenses: \$0.00

**Enhanced Subsidy Justification**

- Parent no longer legally responsible for child
- Parent no longer providing support
- Single Adoptive Parent Deceased

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Adoption Assistance Agreement – Termination

**Extended Maintenance Adoption Subsidy Payments**



- EMAS payments begin once:
  - The child turns 18.
  - All parties have signed the EAAA.
  - Supporting documentation of the qualifying activity is received.

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## Eligibility and Enrollment

- If the need for EMAS was not determined prior to the youth’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and the adoptive parents feel they have been wrongly denied the subsidy, they have the right to appeal the denial.
  - If it is found that it was wrongly denied, retroactive payments will be made dating back to the date the family requested the subsidy in writing.
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## Title IV-E Eligibility

- Adoptive parents and young adults may participate regardless of Title IV-E eligibility status prior to age 18.
  - Participation allows young adults to receive various program benefits, such as adoption subsidy payments and Medicaid.
  - If the young adult’s adoption eligibility before 18 was determined TANF eligible, a final Adoption TANF eligibility determination must be completed to document the young adult as TANF ineligible.
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## Continued Program Eligibility

### Continued Participation in EMAS

- Maintain Qualifying Activity
- Redetermination of Young Adult's Qualifying Activity
  - Every 6 Months
  - Change in Qualifying Activity

### Termination of EMAS

- Program Terminates When:
  - Young Adult is Unable to Document a Qualifying Activity
  - Young Adult Turns 21
  - Opt-out
  - Adoptive parent or Young Adult is deceased
  - Young Adult not Receiving Support from Adoptive Parent
- Requires Notification of the Department

### Readmission to EMAS

- Young Adult May Re-enter until 21 with a Qualifying Activity
- Requires New Extended Adoption Assistance Agreement

## Ongoing Program Eligibility Requirements

- To remain in EMAS, young adults must continue to participate in at least one qualifying activity. They can switch activities at any time.
- It is the family’s responsibility to notify the Department or CBC of any change in circumstances, including moving out of state, within 48 hours of the change.
  - It is the CBC’s responsibility to let families know about this requirement.



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## Re-Determination



- Re-determination of the young adult’s participation in a qualifying activity must be completed by the Child Welfare Professional every six months or upon learning of a change.
- Re-determination is uploaded into FSFN.

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## Re-Determination Timeframes

- Written notification requesting proof of continued participation in a qualifying activity is sent to the adoptive parent/young adult 45 days prior to the six month re-determination period.
- Upon receipt of documentation, evaluate for re-determination.
  - Documentation is considered current only if the young adult was engaging in a qualifying activity within 30 days of re-determination.
- Documentation of participation in a qualifying activity must be received no later than 30 days after the six month re-determination period.

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**Young Adult Program Eligibility Information**

Young Adult Name: Starnell, Thomas    Person ID: 900010340    Case Name: Starnell, Mommy    FSFN Case ID: 3630781

DOB: 10/30/2000    Age: 18    Type: Initial    Date Applied: 10/30/2018    Effective/ Enrolled Date: 10/30/2018

**Extended Program Eligibility Determination: Approved (Override) - Eligible**

On Appeal    Date notified of appeal process: 00/00/0000     Supervisor Eligibility Override

If Ineligible, explain how notified of appeal process:

Reason for Override: Thomas was unable to sign the EFC agreement.

Termination Reason:     Termination Date: 00/00/0000    Date Last Updated: 10/30/2018

Redetermination Reason:     Termination Date: 00/00/0000    Last Updated By: Darnell, Kellie

**Young Adult Eligibility**

The questions should be answered as of the effective date, unless otherwise specified. Final determination can only be processed on or after the effective date.

**Redetermination Reasons**

Question	Answer
1. Based on the Effective Date, the young adult's age is:	18 yrs 0 days
2. Did the young adult age out while in the custody of the Department?	No
3. Is the young adult enrolled in a secondary education program leading to a high school diploma or equivalent credential?	No
4. Is the young adult enrolled in a postsecondary or vocational institution?	No
5. Is the young adult working at least 80 hours per month?	No
6. Is the young adult participating in a program or activity designed to promote or eliminate barriers to employment? <a href="#">Assets and Employment</a>	Yes
7. Does the young adult have a clinical disability from a licensed clinical professional that is documented on the young adult's Medical/Mental Health page within this FSFN case? <a href="#">Medical/Mental Health</a>	No
8. Is the young adult unable to participate in any of the activities listed in questions 3-6 full-time due to a documented physical, intellectual, emotional or psychiatric condition?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. If yes to #8, does the documentation exist from a licensed clinical professional that the additional year is necessary or helpful to the young adult's progress toward Independent Living. (only for young adult of age 21-22 age)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. Has the Young Adult signed the EFC Agreement?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
11. Was an EFC Voluntary Placement Agreement signed by the Young Adult?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

    Check to Finalize EFC Eligibility Determination       

### Young Adult Program Eligibility – Redetermination Reasons

## Process for Termination When Qualifying Activity Is Not Received

- If documentation of the qualifying activity is not received:
  - Program eligibility status is ineligible.
  - Adoption subsidy payments are retained.
  - Written notification to Regional DCF staff is made to initiate the Chapter 120 denial process.
- If the Department prevails in the Chapter 120 denial process, the young adult’s program eligibility remains ineligible, Medicaid ends, and EAAA is terminated.
- If the Department does not prevail, a new EAAA is not needed, appeal is unchecked, and a new YAPE page is created to show the young adult is eligible, and service starts with backdate.



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## Other Program Termination Reason

- Young adult turns 21.
- Adoptive parent and young adult voluntarily opt out.
- Adoptive parent or young adult is deceased.
- Young adult is no longer receiving support from adoptive parent.



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**Young Adult Program Eligibility Information**

Young Adult Name: Starnell, Thomas    Person ID: 900010340    Case Name: Starnell, Mommy    FSN Case ID: 3630781

DOB: 10/30/2000    Age: 18    Type: Initial    Date Applied: 10/30/2018    Effective/ Enrolled Date: 10/30/2018

**Extended Program Eligibility Determination: Approved (Override) - Eligible**

On Appeal    Date notified of appeal process: 00/00/0000     Supervisor Eligibility Override

If Ineligible, explain how notified of appeal process:   
Reason for Override: Thomas was unable to sign the EFC agreement.

Termination Reason: Achieved Permanency  
Aged Out  
Deceased  
Eligibility Change to Aftercare Services  
Eligibility Change to PESS  
No Longer in a Qualifying Activity  
No Longer in an Approved Supervised Living Arrangement  
Not Adhering to Program Requirements as Agreed Upon  
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**Young Adult Eligibility**  
 The questions should be answered if the young adult is not currently employed, but will be allowed to process on a presumptive eligibility determination. Final determination can only be processed on a presumptive eligibility determination.

Question	Answer
1. Based on the Effective Date, the young adult's age is:	18 yrs 0 days
2. Did the young adult age out while in the custody of the Department?	No
3. Is the young adult enrolled in a secondary education program leading to a high school diploma or equivalent credential?	No
4. Is the young adult enrolled in a postsecondary or vocational institution?	No
5. Is the young adult working at least 80 hours per month?	No
6. Is the young adult participating in a program or activity designed to promote or eliminate barriers to employment? <a href="#">Assets and Employment</a>	Yes
7. Does the young adult have a clinical disability from a licensed clinical professional that is documented on the young adult's Medical/Mental Health page within this FSN case? <a href="#">Medical/Mental Health</a>	No
8. Is the young adult unable to participate in any of the activities listed in questions 3-6 full-time due to a documented physical, intellectual, emotional or psychiatric condition?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. If yes to #8, does the documentation exist from a licensed clinical professional that the additional year is necessary or helpful to the young adult's progress toward Independent Living. (only for young adult of age 21-22 age)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. Has the Young Adult signed the EFC Agreement?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
11. Was an EFC Voluntary Placement Agreement signed by the Young Adult?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

    Check to Finalize EFC Eligibility Determination       

Upon Approval from Region for Appealable Reasons

Young Adult Program Eligibility – Termination Reasons

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**Young Adult Program Eligibility Information**

Young Adult Name: Starnell, Thomas    Person ID: 900010340    Case Name: Starnell, Mommy    FSN Case ID: 900001980

DOB: 10/23/2000    Age: 18    Type: Initial    Date Applied: 10/30/2018    Effective/ Enrolled Date: 00/00/0000

**Extended Program Eligibility Determination: On Appeal**

On Appeal    Date notified of appeal process: 10/30/2018     Supervisor Eligibility Override

If Ineligible, explain how notified of appeal process:   
Reason for Override: Written notification provided during home visit.

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Appeal Notification

Young Adult Program Eligibility – Appeal

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## Readmission

- Adoptive parent(s) and the young adult can re-enter EMAS until the young adult reaches 21 if they provide documentation to support that the young adult meets one of the qualifying activities.
  - A new, completed EAAA is required at the time of readmission.
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## Negotiation the Subsidy

- Negotiation and the process to request enhanced subsidy remain the same.



## Implementation Considerations

### Implementation for Existing Population



- If an adoptive parent entered into an AAA when the youth was 16 or 17 and he/she has not yet reached the age of 21, the family is eligible for an EMAS.
- Families will be contacted to be made aware of this new policy.

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### Resources

- **EFC/EMAS Project Site:**  
[http://www.centerforchildwelfare.org/il\\_efc.shtml](http://www.centerforchildwelfare.org/il_efc.shtml)
- **FSFN How Do I Guides and User Guides:**  
<http://centerforchildwelfare.fmhi.usf.edu/FSFNAll.shtml#HowdoI>
- **Questions:**  
[Valerie.Proctor@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Valerie.Proctor@myflfamilies.com)