

Ongoing Eligibility Determination

Placement

Child's Income

Deprivation

Age

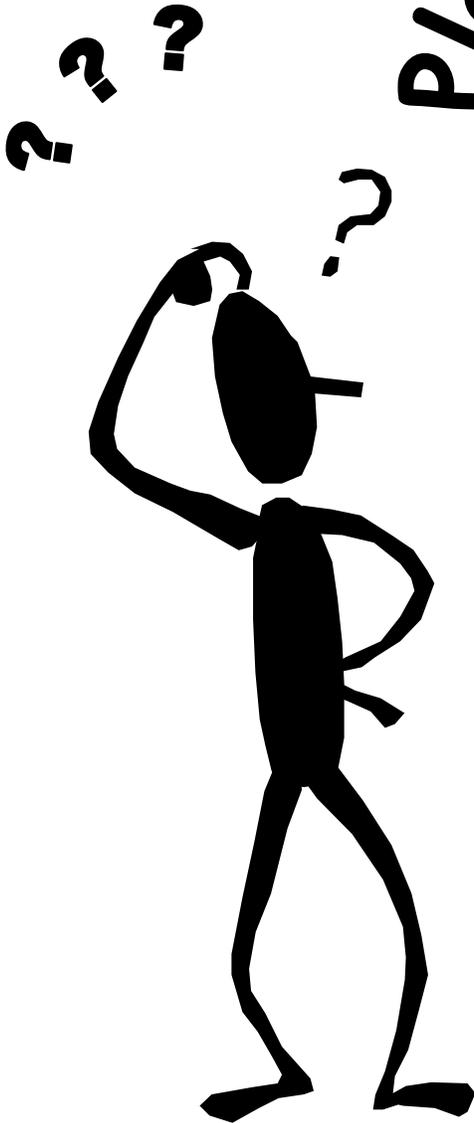
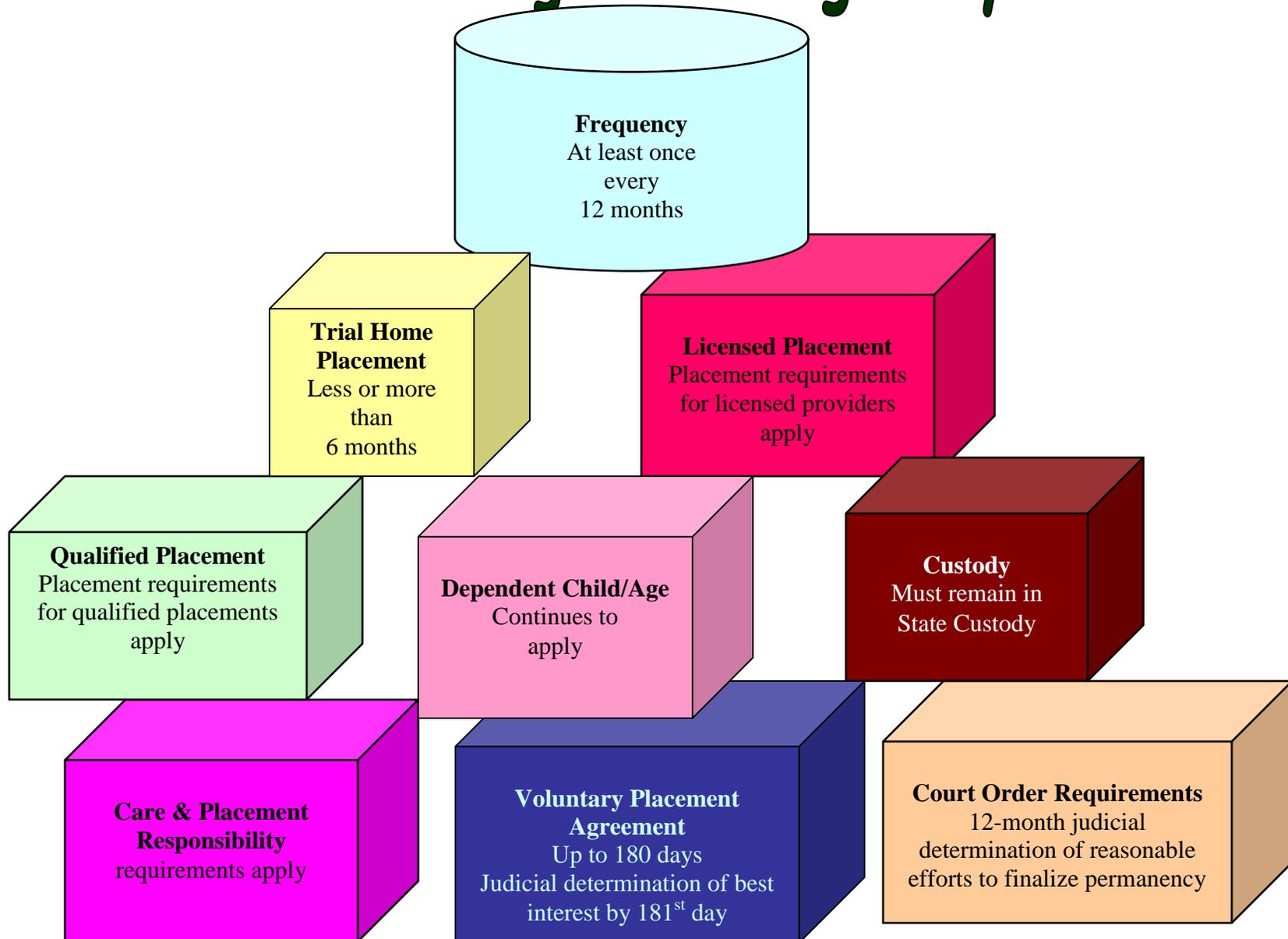
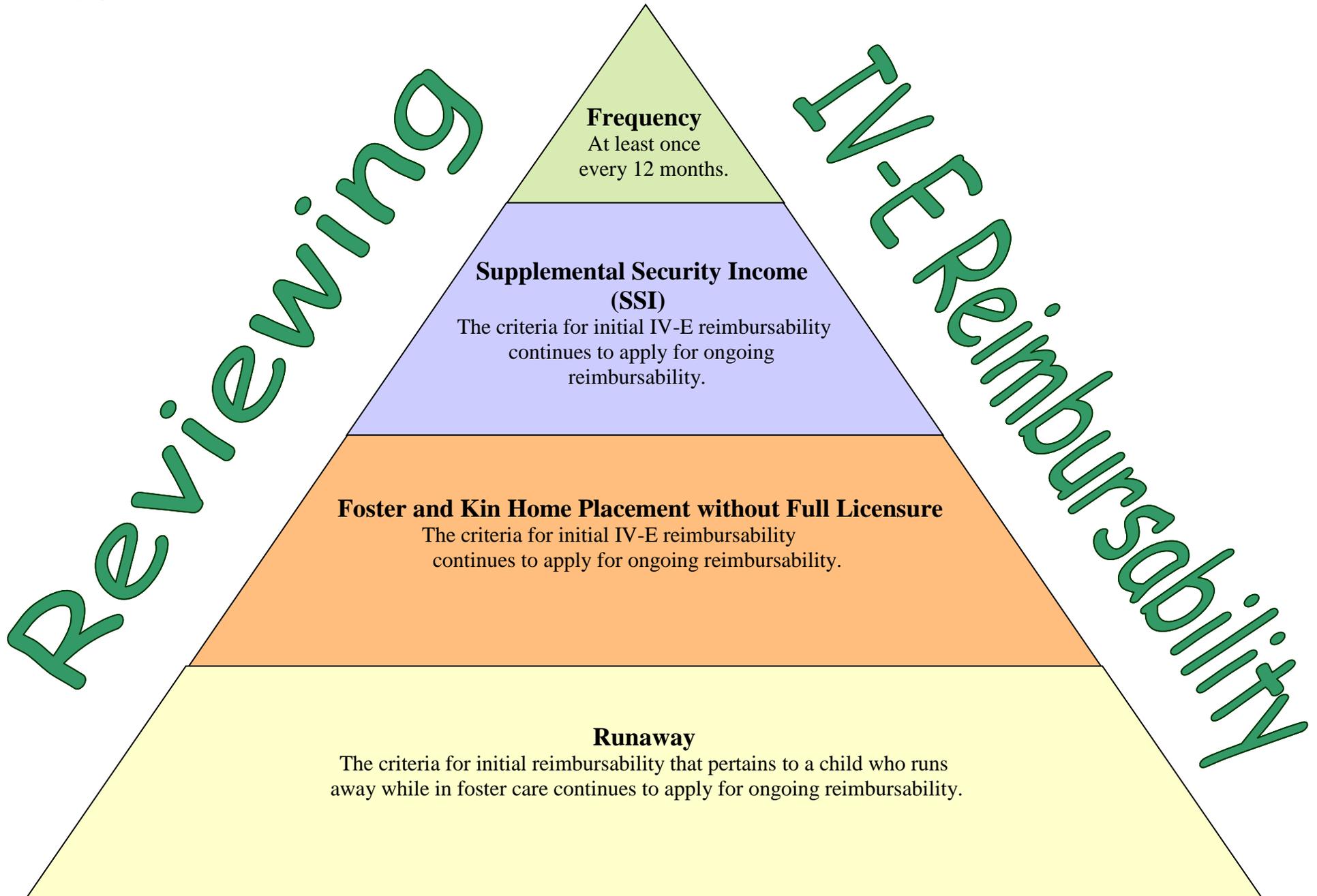


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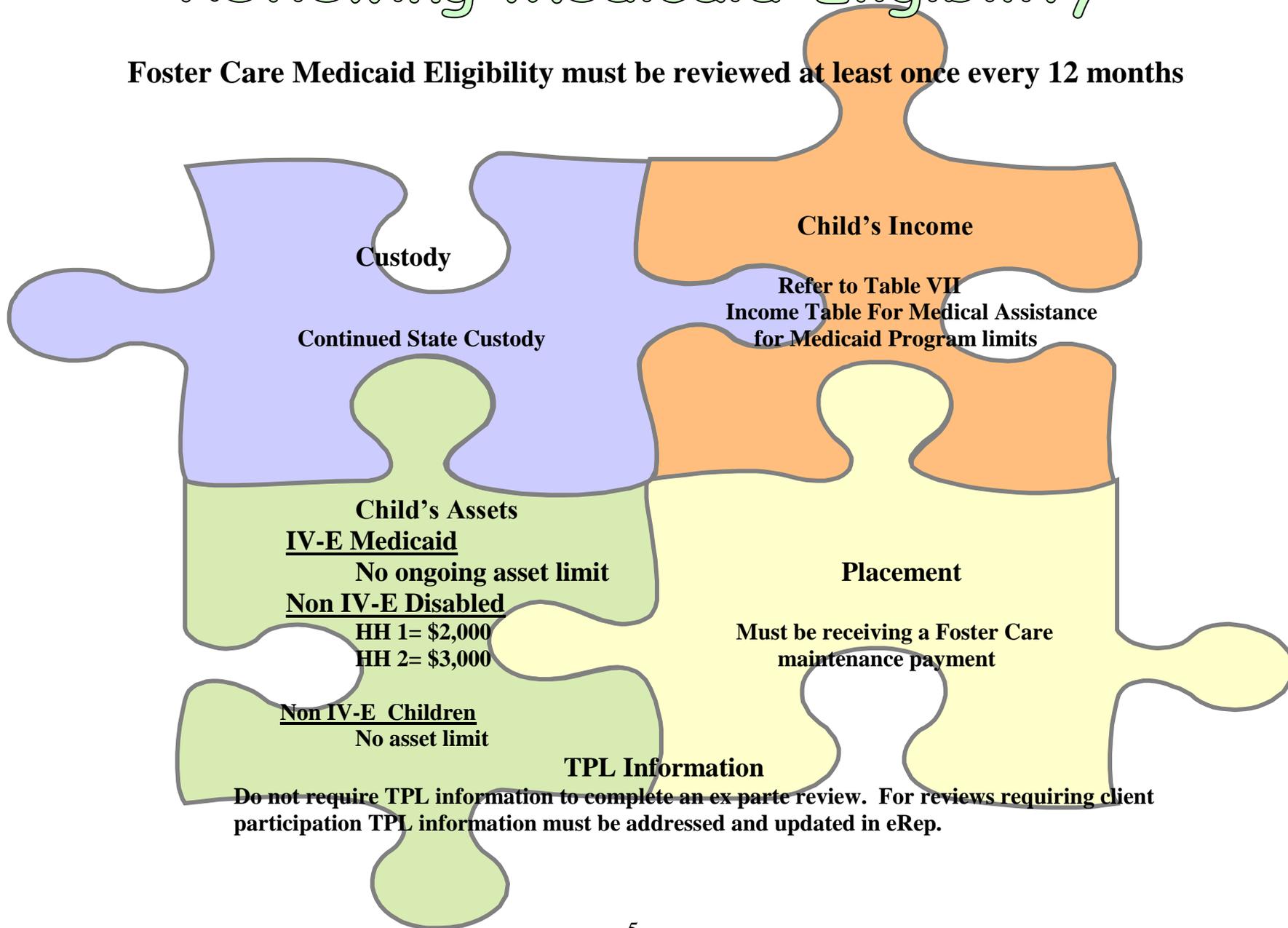
Reviewing IV-E Eligibility





Reviewing Medicaid Eligibility

Foster Care Medicaid Eligibility must be reviewed at least once every 12 months



Reasonable Efforts to Finalize Permanency



Requirement

A judicial determination that reasonable efforts were made to finalize the permanency plan that is in effect must be obtained within 12 months of the removal date and at least once every 12 months thereafter while the child is in foster care.

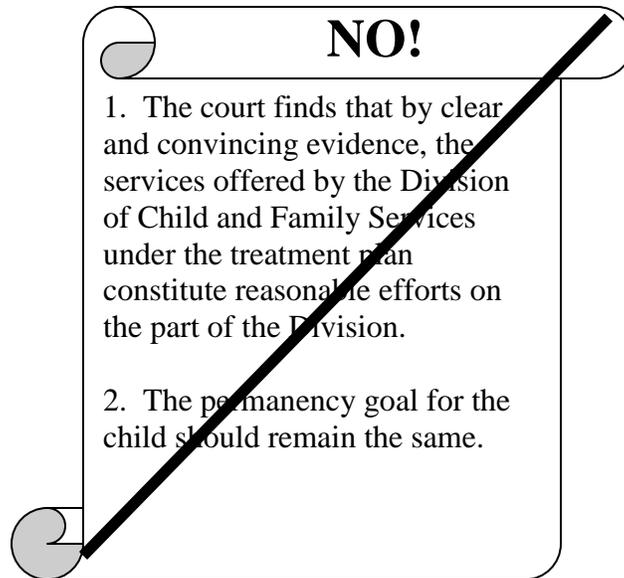
Intent

During the hearings the judge should determine if the agency has made enough effort to finalize the permanency goal for the child.
The court order must have specific language that shows that the judge determined that this occurred.

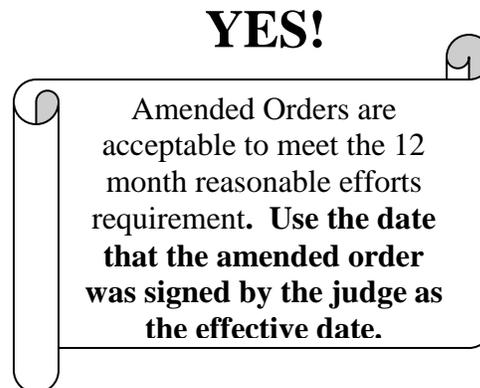
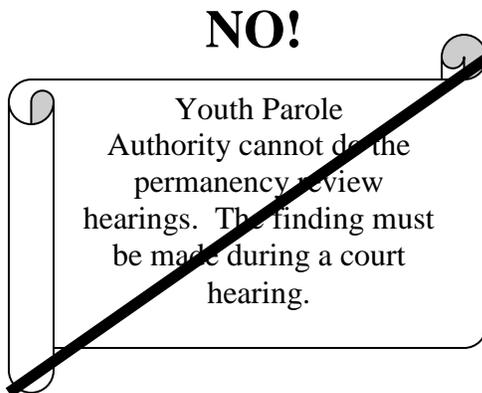
YES!

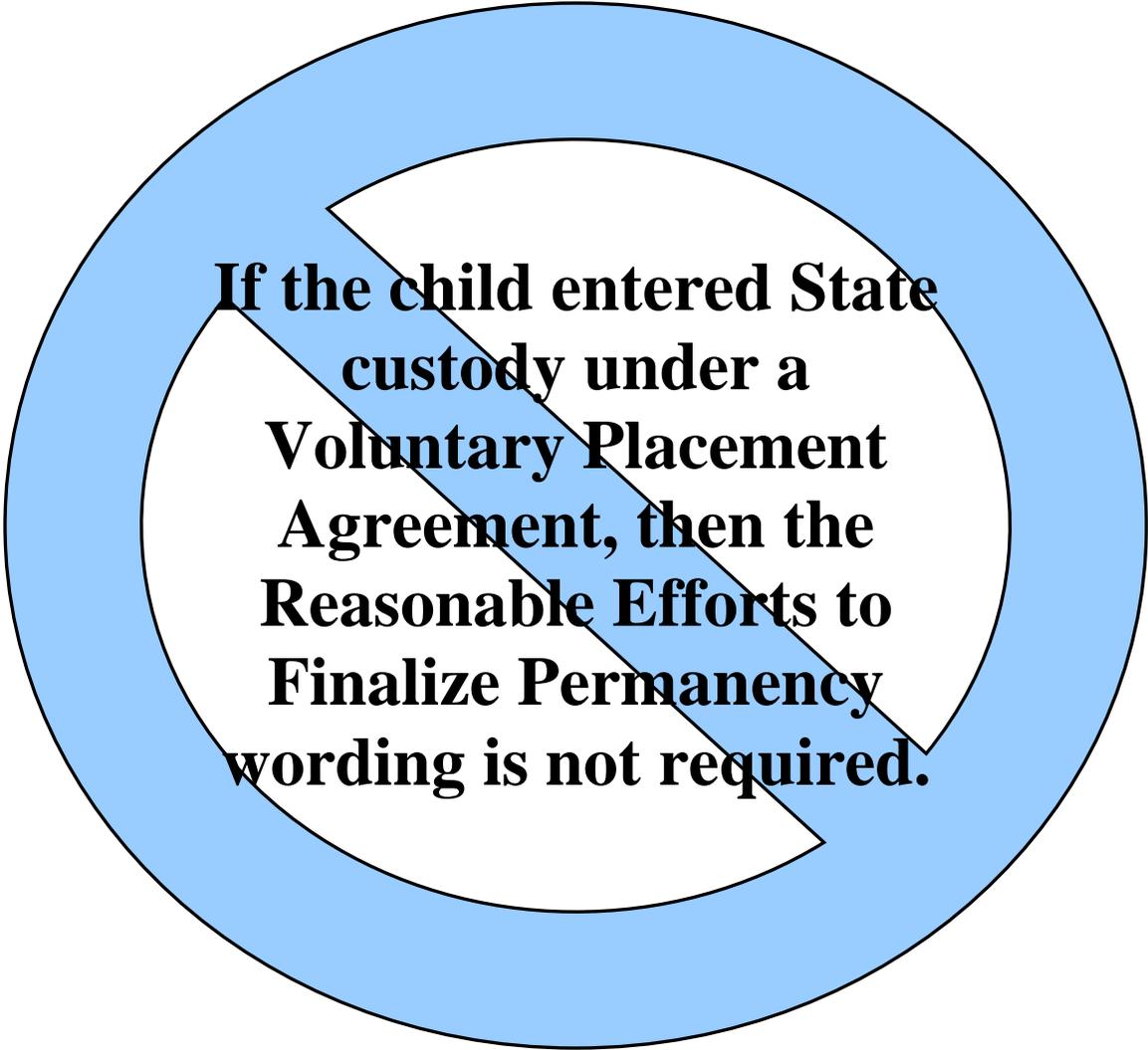
1. Reasonable efforts were made by the Division of Child and Family Services or other agency to finalize the service plan and its permanency goal of reunification, termination of parental rights, adoption, guardianship or individualized permanency.

2. Reasonable efforts have been made to finalize the permanency plan.



If a judicial determination of “Reasonable Efforts to Finalize” is not made by the end of the 12th month, the child is not IV-E eligible until a judicial determination of reasonable efforts is made. IV-E Eligibility may be reinstated on the first day of the month in which the judicial determination is made.





**If the child entered State
custody under a
Voluntary Placement
Agreement, then the
Reasonable Efforts to
Finalize Permanency
wording is not required.**

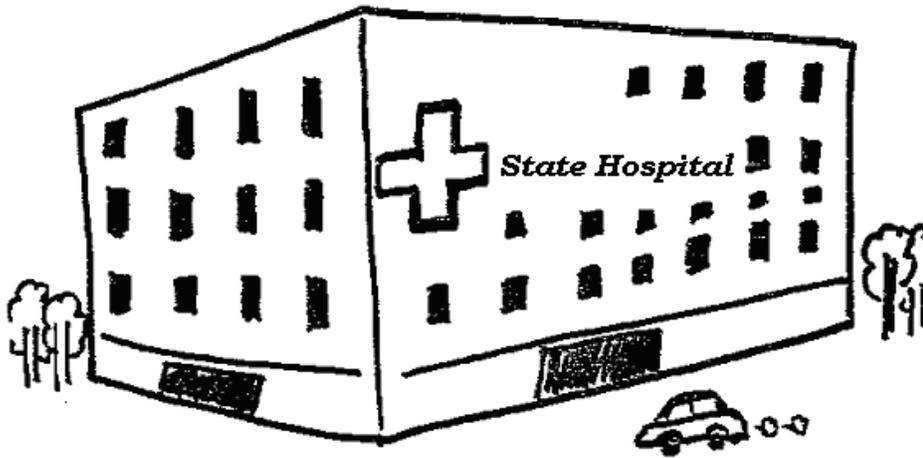
Foster Children Served by the MR.RC Waiver

- ◆ IV-E determinations must be entered in SAFE for all foster children served on the Mental Retardation and Related Conditions (MR.RC) Waiver Program. At the time custody begins, the caseworker must complete a IV-E/Medicaid Application for the child.
- ◆ Foster children who are open for DD Medicaid may meet the requirements for Initial IV-E Eligibility. IV-E Eligibility will be terminated when the foster child is being served under the MR.RC Waiver. If a foster child becomes eligible for the MR.RC Waiver during a custody episode, the FC Medicaid will be closed and the DWS worker will open a DD Medicaid case for the child when qualified.
 - Case management services are being provided through DSPD as well as DCFS. The MR.RC Medicaid Waiver Program allows for case management billing for DSPD under that program. If the foster child remained IV-E eligible, DCFS would also be billing case management through the IV-E Program. This may appear as duplicate billing, but it is allowed.
- ◆ SAFE entry for a new foster child who meets the requirements for Initial IV-E Eligibility will be as follows:
 - Initial IV-E Eligibility “Yes”.
 - Initial IV-E Reimbursability “No”, for reason of receiving SSI. (usually)
 - ◆ If the child is not receiving SSI, the Initial IV-E Reimbursability would be “Yes” and then reimbursability would be terminated at the end of the first month for reason of “IV-E Eligibility ended”.
 - Terminate IV-E Eligibility at the end of the first month for reason of “Placement does not meet the placement requirements”.
 - Document the actions in the SAFE note section.
- ◆ SAFE entry for a foster child who becomes eligible for the MR.RC Waiver Program during the custody episode will be as follows:
 - Complete a review of IV-E eligibility for previous months. Terminate the IV-E Eligibility at the end of the month that the child becomes eligible for the MR.RC Waiver. Use the reason “Placement does not meet the placement requirements”.
 - Terminate the IV-E Reimbursability, if applicable, at the end of the month when the child becomes eligible for the MR.RC Waiver for reason of “IV-E eligibility ended”.
 - Document the actions in the SAFE note section.
- ◆ Foster Children that qualify for the MR.RC Home and Community Based Waiver” must be open in eRep under the “DD” Program.
 - DSPD worker provides a copy of completed Form 927. This form signifies that the foster child meets the requirements for the Waiver program. DWS manages Medicaid eligibility for foster children on the Waiver “DD” Medicaid Program.



IV-E Foster Children in Out of State Placements

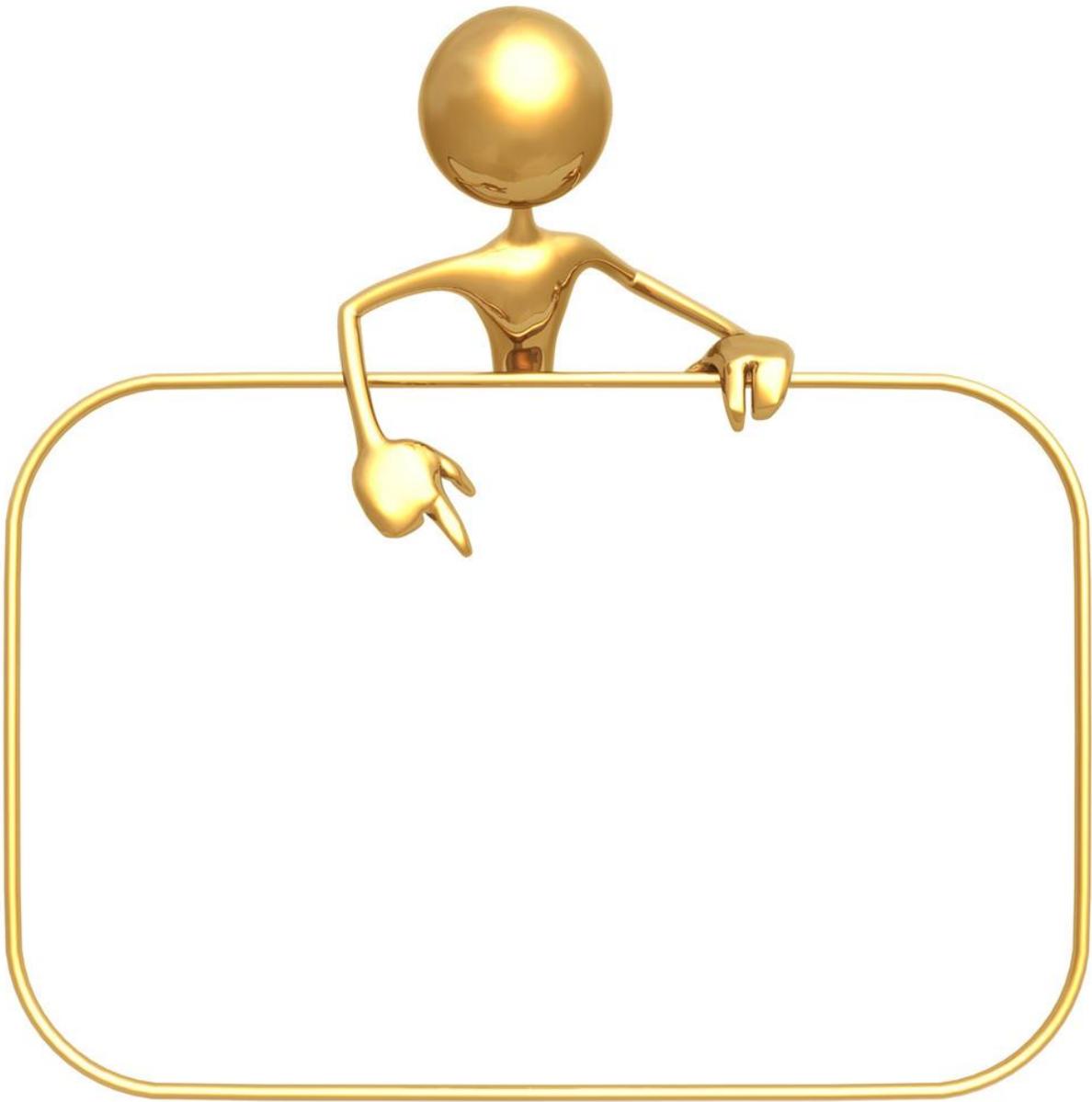
- **IV-E Eligibility must be reviewed at least every 12 months. Court order with “Reasonable Efforts” language every 12 months is required.**
- **IV-E foster children placed in another State do not have Utah Medicaid eligibility. Medicaid is provided through ICPC in the state of residence.**
- **Complete normal review process documenting that Medicaid is provided through the ICPC.**
- **Foster home licensing information must be in the case file. Placement must be licensed by the state where they are located. A copy of the criminal background screening information for all adults in the home and a copy of the current Foster Care License must be obtained from the resident state.**
- **A copy of the approved ICPC form must be in the eligibility record for a IV-E child placed in Utah from another state.**
- **Document in SAFE when the review has been completed.**



Foster Children Placed at the State Hospital

IV-E Eligible	Non IV-E Eligible (Medicaid only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Notification of placement in State Hospital. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Notification of placement in the State Hospital.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complete a IV-E Review for all months since custody began or for all months since the last IV-E Review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complete a Medicaid Review for all months since custody began or for all months since the last Medicaid Review.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Close the IV-E Eligibility in SAFE and CARE the end of the month that the State Hospital placement began. In SAFE use the closure reason, “Placement-non qualified provider or placement”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The foster care maintenance payment indicator for children placed in the State Hospital will be “no” beginning the month after the placement begins.
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<p>➤ When the Foster Child is moved from the State Hospital, contact Kym Ney, 801-344-4632, and ask her to close the NH Medicaid case Complete a review of IV-E and Medicaid Eligibility. If the Foster Child meets all the IV-E requirements open an ongoing IV-E Eligibility in SAFE and CARE beginning the first of the month of the that the child meets all of the IV-E requirements.</p>	<p>➤ If the Foster Child meets all the requirements for Foster Care Medicaid eligibility ,the foster care maintenance payment indicator on the program evidence should be changed to “yes” beginning the month the child is moved from the State Hospital.</p>
<p>➤ If the Foster Child meets all the requirements for Foster Care Medicaid eligibility, the foster care maintenance payment indicator on the program evidence should be changed to “yes” beginning the month the child is moved from the State Hospital.</p>	<p>➤ Document all actions on the note Screen on the program home.</p>
<p>➤ Document all actions in SAFE and on the note screen on the program home.</p>	





- ✿ An attempt to complete a medical review prior to involving the custody
- ✿ Quicker decisions
- ✿ Less phone calls
- ✿ Less paperwork
- ✿ Foster care is a “stable” population
- ✿ A foster child doesn’t usually have earned income



- ✿ Received task
- ✿ Task will generate on the 1st working day of the month one month prior to review month
- ✿ Pull a full eFind report
- ✿ Use eFind to update income as normal
- ✿ Update assets based on division's electronic information source
- ✿ Determine if ex parte can be completed
- ✿ Complete the ex parte review by the review print date on the eRep calendar
- ✿ Do not require TPL information to complete an ex parte review
- ✿ Send review complete notice manually
- ✿ Narrate reason for not completing an ex parte review
- ✿ If ex parte review cannot be completed, follow normal review process
- ✿ DOH policy 721 <https://utahcares.utah.gov/infosourcemedicaid/>