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APPROVED RELATIVE CAREGIVER (ARC) ELIGIBILITY (SB 354 UPDATE PART 2)

Effective January 1, 2022, Senate Bill (SB) 354 expanded eligibility for the ARC fundings for relative placements who are not eligible for AFDC-FC payments.

Court Authorized Relative Placements

The Juvenile Court may authorize the placement of a child with a relative, regardless of the status of any criminal exemption or Resource Family Assessment (RFA) approval. If the relative home is denied by DCFS RFA Division, they are eligible for ARC funding.

To request ARC funding, the Case Carrying CSW must submit the following to the assigned Case Carrying Eligibility Worker (CCEW):

1. DCFS 280
2. Juvenile Court order
3. RFA 09 (Notice of Action Regarding Resource Family Approval)

Relative Caregivers Who Received SB 354 Criminal Exemptions

A relative caregiver home has a criminal record exemption for a crime that is not federally exemptible may be granted a child specific approval as a resource family by DCFS RFA Division.

To request ARC funding, the Case Carrying CSW must submit the following to the CCEW:

1. DCFS 280, with the applicable Level of Care (LOC) and Specialized Care Increment (SCI) if appropriate
2. RFA 05A, Resource Family Approval Certificate (indicating the child specific, SB 354 criminal exemption)

Note: NREFM homes are not eligible for ARC funding.



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