

Treatment: Foster Care

Travel Out-of-State with a Foster Child

Policy

Written permission shall be obtained from the Regional Office before a foster child can travel out-of-state for overnight trips.

Permission from the Regional Office is not required for day trips out-of-state with the foster parent or day field trips with an organization (e.g., school, church, scouts).

Who Obtains Permission

The child's Social Worker is responsible for obtaining the appropriate authorization and signatures.

The worker shall:

- obtain signatures on the authorization forms (as specified below)
- provide the foster parent with a copy of the authorization form
- file a copy in the child's record.

If the child's legal status is...	Permission must be granted by....	Authorization Form
Voluntary Placement	Child's parent or legal guardian	DCF-2140, "Authorization for Out-of-State Travel for a Foster Child"
Order of Temporary Custody	Program Supervisor, Program Director or Regional Administrator	DCF-2140, "Authorization for Out-of-State Travel for a Foster Child".
Committed to DCF		
Parental Rights Have Been Terminated (TPR)		

Who May Grant Travel Permission

The child's legal status determines who may grant overnight out-of-state travel permission.

When Permission is Required

A separate, written permission must be obtained for each overnight trip out-of-state with either a foster parent or an organization.

After-Hours Emergency Permission to Travel

When the foster family must travel out-of-state, overnight for an emergency and the regional office is closed, the foster parent must call the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Program Supervisor to obtain verbal permission for the foster child to travel out-of-state with the foster family.

The Hotline will notify the child's worker by a worker message on the next business day that permission was granted.

The worker message shall be filed in the child's record.

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**Emergency
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If the foster child needs emergency medical treatment while out-of-state, the medical provider or facility must obtain permission prior to providing treatment, as follows:

Type of Placement	Medical Provider Must Call...
Voluntary	Child's parent/guardian or, if not available, as below
Order of Temporary Custody Committed TPR	When regional offices are open: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program Supervisor,• Program Director, or• Regional Administrator When regional offices are closed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Careline Program Supervisor