**Section 112.306 Foster Care Program**

a) A child is eligible for medical assistance under Aid to Families with Dependent Children – Foster Care (AFDC-F) when:

1) The child has been removed from the home of a specified relative as a result of court action, is a child for whom DCFS has guardianship and is legally responsible and has been placed by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) in foster care or the home of a relative;

2) The child was eligible for and receiving AFDC in or for the month in which court action was initiated leading to placement;

3) The child met the citizenship, age, residence, need and lack of parental support or care criteria for AFDC at the time of initiation of court action and lived with a specified relative at any time within the six months prior to the initiation of court action leading to placement;

4) The child continues to meet AFDC eligibility requirements of age, need, lack of parental support or care and registration/participation requirements; and

5) A child who lives with a parent receiving AFDC-F may also receive AFDC-F.

b) An application for AFDC-F must be signed by an authorized representative of the Department of Children and Family Services.

c) Assistance under the AFDC-F program is effective from the latter of the date:

1) that a completed application is received by the Department; or

2) the child is actually placed in licensed foster care or the home of a relative by DCFS.

d) A foster parent who is a specified relative of an eligible foster child placed in the foster parent's care may receive assistance for the child under either the AFDC-R/AFDC-U or the AFDC-F program.

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