

**§9-402. Adoption assistance**

**1. Eligible applicants.** An application for the program may be submitted by the following persons:

A. A foster parent interested in adopting an eligible child in the foster parent's care; [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

B. A person interested in adopting an eligible child; or [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

C. An adoptive parent who was not informed of the program or of facts relevant to a child's eligibility when adopting a child who was at the time of adoption eligible for participation in the program. [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

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**2. Standards for adoption apply.** All applicants for the program must meet department standards for adoption except for financial eligibility.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**3. Assistance based on special needs.** Assistance under the program may be provided for special needs only and may be varied based on the special needs of the child. Assistance may be provided for a period of time based on the special needs of the child.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

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PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

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