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Summary of Changes to CCCWA Policies

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MAA is only summarizing the changes to CCCWA's policies here. Other CCCWA requirements remain unchanged.

Due to implementing CPIS (Child Placement Information System for inter-country adoption) changes, CCCWA will be unavailable from December 27, 2014 until January 5, 2015.

Eligibility for Prospective Adoptive Parents

The new requirements affect families whose dossiers are LID (logged in) after 1/1/15.

1. The upper age limit of 50 years is cancelled.
 - a. For married couples, the age difference between the younger spouse and the child to be adopted cannot be more than 50 years.
 - b. For single women, the age difference cannot be more than 45 years.
 - c. The age difference will be calculated from the registration date of the dossier.
2. Single women are not limited to only adopt Special Focus children.
3. There is no limit to the number of children living in the home for married couples. Singles may have no more than 2 children in the home, and the youngest should be older than 5 years old.
4. Adoptive parents are eligible if one parent has a minor mental disorder (anxiety, depression, etc.) that is under control with a small dose of medication.
5. Adoptive parents are eligible if one parent is completely healthy and the other parent has been treated and recovered from diseases such as tumors, lupus, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, etc.
6. Single women must have the per-capita annual income of one additional person to the actual family size after the adoption.
7. Family income does not include relief fund, pension, disability benefits, foster care subsidy, etc.

Waiting Children Status

1. Children posted to the Shared List for one month without being matched will become Special Focus.
2. Special Focus children who have files on the Shared List for 3 days without being matched can be requested by an agency to have on their Individual List.
3. The agency's placement deadline for Special Focus children is 3 months. The files will be withdrawn by CCCWA after this deadline.
4. The agency's placement deadline for non-Special Focus (LID) children in the One-to-One Partnership program is 3 weeks.
5. The agency's placement deadline for Special Focus children who have participated in the "Journey of Hope Program" or a Hosting Program will be 6 months. *Note: if the child participated in one of these programs but does not yet have a file prepared, the agency will have a placement deadline of 3 months once the file is received.

Dossier Submission

1. Adoptive families have a dossier submission deadline of 6 months after receiving Pre-Approval for a child. One extension of 3 months may be requested for the dossier.
2. Re-using a dossier requires the submission of an updated adoption application letter, an updated home study report, and unexpired USCIS approval.
3. If a family is approved to adopt 2 children at one time, the 2nd adoption dossier only requires a new adoption application letter.
4. Families who are adopting again through the same agency, but do not fall within the time frame to re-use a dossier, the new dossier does not need to include the birth certificates of marriage certificate if there has been no change.

Post Adoption Reporting

1. Families who receive TA after January 1, 2015:
 - a. the one-month report is not required.
 - b. a 4-year report is required.
2. The 3-year, 4-year (if applicable), and 5-year Post Adoption Reports due after 1/1/2015 can be written by the adoptive parents, following the specific outline.
3. Post Adoption Reports must be submitted to CCCWA before the deadline.
4. The form "Feedback on the Condition of the Special Needs Children" is not required.

CCCWA Fees

1. Dossiers submitted after January 1, 2015 will have a registration fee of \$1100 (previously \$800 for dossiers not matched to a child; \$500 for matched dossiers) The translation fee for the dossier is \$260.
2. Families may re-use a dossier for a Special Focus child if the locking date for the new adoption is within one year after the previous adoption registration date. The registration fee for re-using a dossier is \$800.
3. No translation fees are charged for the adoption of a second child.

Current MAA Families

1. There will be no LOAs, TAs, PAs issued between 12/26/2014 and 1/5/2015.
2. There will be no Gotcha days scheduled for the week of 12/29/2014.
3. MAA will be implementing a new fee structure effective 1/1/2015. The methodology is to give focus to the children who need us most, and thus financial grants to those families adopting those children.