

TAMANG SAGOT

PhilHealth Circular 19, s.2014

“Coverage of Foster Child as Qualified Dependent”

1. Who will be covered?

All foster children including those abandoned, surrendered, neglected, orphaned, abused, exploited, subjected to difficult circumstances like calamities and armed conflict, and with special needs, who have been under the custody of the DSWD.

2. What are the required supporting documents?

When declaring foster children, foster parents are required to submit copy of the following documents issued by the DSWD :

- Foster Family Care License; and
- Foster Placement Authority

3. Coverage Period

Entitlement to NHIP Benefits as Qualified Dependent shall be until:

- The last day of the validity date of the Foster Family Care License; *or*
- Until the expiration of the Foster Placement Authority (FPA); *or*
- Until the foster child’s return to his/her biological parents ; *or*
- The child has been placed for adoption.

4. Sample FOSTER FAMILY CARE LICENSE

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT
Field Office Caraga
Capitol Site, Butuan City

FOSTER FAMILY CARE LICENSE

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 67, Presidential Decree 603 known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code, authority is hereby granted to:

(Name of Foster parents)

(Address)

As licensed foster parents, the couple shall:

- Provide temporary foster care service to a maximum of _____ child, age _____ old at any stated time.
- Be responsible for the care, safety and well-being of the child under their custody, which includes appropriate medical assistance regular reporting on any significant occurrence or events to the attending social worker.
- Assist in the adjustment and activities which will encourage the early return of the child to his parents, relatives, guardians or placement with adoptive parents.

They may apply for adoption of foster child being placed under their care.

Given this 24th day of March on the year of our Lord 2014

C O N F O R M E

We accept the responsibility and accountability stipulated in this license.


Foster Father _____ Foster Mother _____

Recommending Approval: _____ Approved _____

SWO VJDD Chief & PSU Head _____ Regional Director _____

Date Issued: June 23, 2014
Reference Number: 2014-003
Validity Period: March 2017

5. Sample FOSTER PLACEMENT AUTHORITY



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT
 Field Office Caraga

FOSTER PLACEMENT AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Article 67 of the Child and Youth Welfare Code, (PD 603) and Department of Social Welfare and Development Administrative Order No. 63 Series of 1993, the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office Caraga hereby authorizes the placement of _____ born on _____

_____ with _____

(Name of Foster Parents)

(Address)

With Foster Family Care License No. _____ for the purpose of providing temporary care from _____ to _____ while the requirements for the issuance of Certification of the DSWD to declare the child legally available for adoption is on process and permanent placement of the child through adoption is still being worked out.

This foster care placement is subject to the following conditions:

1. The foster care placement may be terminated earlier for the interest of the child;
2. The foster family shall be responsible for the care, safety, medical attention and emotional well-being of the child;
3. The foster family is not authorized to transfer this foster child to another family without prior written authority from undersigned, except in extreme situations when the life of the child is in danger in which case, authority shall be sought immediately;
4. The foster family shall notify the social worker of the Department of Social Welfare and Development in case of transfer of residence occurs;
5. The foster family shall report immediately to the assigned social worker, (about the situation of the child) or anytime when changes in the home and family occur especially when problems arise related to placement of the child;
6. The foster family shall be visited by the social worker at least once a month to assess adjustment of the foster child with family and extend casework services to the family which will ensure success of child's placement;
7. Visits between the foster and biological parents or prospective adoptive parents shall be arranged by the social worker when indicated;

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8. The foster family shall encourage the foster child to relate with his biological or prospective adoptive family, as the case maybe, and shall provide the wholesome atmosphere to stabilize relationships;
9. The foster parents shall return the child to the Department of Social Welfare and Development even before the end of the date stated or upon demand;
10. The foster family shall prepare the child for eventual separation and return to his/her biological parents or for adoptive placement;
11. Foster parents shall accompany the foster child to the court only when authorized in writing by the undersigned as part of the court proceedings;
12. The foster family shall not be allowed to bring the foster child outside the country if declaration of abandonment has not yet been completed;
13. The foster family may be allowed to travel abroad with their foster child whether voluntarily or involuntarily committed provided they comply with the requirements;
14. The foster family shall not use foster care as a trial placement for adoption however; they may adopt their foster child following conditions under D.O. No. 14 Series of 1999;
15. Regular supervision of the foster placement shall be the responsibility of the Social Worker for a period of 6 months;
16. Monthly reports on the status of the child shall be submitted by the Social Worker to the DSWD Field Office;
17. Copy of such reports shall be compiled for review of the ARRLU and endorsed to the Division Chief of the Operations Division to identify possible areas where case management and technical assistance to the field staff is needed.

C O N F O R M E

We accept the responsibility and accountability indicated in this license. As such we shall comply accordingly.

Recommending Approval _____
 Social Worker

Approved: _____
 DSWD Regional Director

Date Issued : _____
 Ref. No. : _____
 Validity Period: _____

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