6.5 Legal Risk Adoptive Placement Request

In accordance with the Legal Risk Adoptive Placement Policy, there are special circumstances in which a child may be in need of a permanent placement, but the child is not legally free for adoption, yet a determination has been made that the child is in need of the stability and commitment that a "legal risk" adoptive family can provide.

Request is made for approval for the Legal	Risk Placement of	
DOB who is a child	for whom adoption is in the best interest and meets	
at least one of the following criteria:	•	
Please check the appropriate box.		
The child is the subject of a Termination	on of Parental Rights Order that is under appeal, and	
would create delay in achieving permanence		
	r that relieved the Department of the obligation to	
	granted with birth family reunification completed	
and unsuccessful.	granted with birth family reunification completed	
Birth family abandonment of a child.	mulate an anamant and them are maturated afficients	
A Termination of Parental Rights is complete on one parent and there are protracted efforts		
occurring to serve the absent parent.		
made a preliminary determination that the _ placement to provide security, stability, and The attached summary identifies this child's 1. Child's legal status 2. Child's age and current living arrang 3. Current level of birth family involve 4. Identification of child's special need	gement ement	
Request for approval of <u>child's name</u> Placement is made to the Child Welfare Pro	as meeting the requirements for a Legal Risk ogram Administrator and the Adoption Program and matching process of the most appropriate family	
Agency Caseworker	Date	
Agency Supervisor	Date	
Child Welfare Program Administrator	Date	
Adoption Program Manager	Date	
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MAINE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES LEGAL RISK ADOPTIVE HOME PLACEMENT AGREEMENT

Departme	ement is made and entered into this ent of Human Services, hereafter designage, hereinafter designa	nated as "Agency" and	,
	to the placement and possible adoption		erro rarones, with
(Na	ame of Child) (Date	of Birth)	
Said child	ncy has this day placed with said Legal is in need of a family to which to attaid child is in need of the stability of a	ach and must be moved	from his current foster
I/We, the	undersigned, understand and agree to	the following condition	s:
pa no	ne welfare of is crent(s) is/are fully aware of the legal repet and may not become free for adoption	risk involved in this plac on.	eement in that said child is
	ne Agency caseworker has discussed velocities and legal risk involved in this placement and the second seco	and the Legal risk Adop	tive Parent(s) are/is

- willing to have the child placed in their home as a child not legally free for adoption.

 3. The Legal Risk Adoptive Parent(s) also understand(s) that their home must meet the dual standards for adoption and foster care.
- 4. The agency Caseworker has provided information to the Legal Risk Adoptive Parent(s) on the background, medical history and special needs of the child to be placed.
- 5. The Legal Risk Adoptive Parents(s) agree to participate in the child's case plan as indicated, which could include reunification in certain circumstances.
- 6. The Legal Risk Adoptive Parent(s) may under no circumstances give the child into the custody of another person or institution without the consent of the Agency.
- 7. While the child is placed with the Legal Risk Adoptive Parent(s), the Department will pay {rate} board and clothing per month, consistent with Family Foster Care Rates A and B.
- 8. The assigned Agency caseworker will make home visits for the purpose of supporting and facilitating the merging of parent(s), child(ren) and other family members into a

family unit, determining the child's need and family's ongoing needs in relation to the child and assessing the continued appropriateness of the placement. The Legal Risk Adoptive Parent(s) agree to work cooperatively with the Agency caseworker toward this end and to utilize supporting services as necessary, e.g., counseling, support groups, etc.

9. The Agency, as legal guardian, reserves the right to move the child from the Legal Risk Adoptive Parent(s) home at any time, if, in the judgment of the Agency, such removal is in the best interests of the child.

Agency CaseworkerDateAgency SupervisorDateLegal Risk Adoptive ParentDateLegal Risk Adoptive ParentDate