

ADOPTIVE SERVICES AND FEES

A. HOMESTUDY FOR DOMESTIC ADOPTION:

1. The family submits a non-refundable \$200 initial visit/application fee.
2. The family agrees to pay \$1,500 for services to complete the home study. Services include the following:
 - a. At minimum, two home visits (more if needed)
 - b. Gathering of required documents
 - c. Review and assessment of information gathered from documents, family, and other sources to determine whether MBCHCFM approves family as an adoptive resource.
 - d. Writing of home study.
3. One-half of the fee is due after the first visit. The remainder is due at the completion of the home study.
4. The family agrees to reimburse 100% of the cost of travel (mileage based on current IRS allowances) plus actual motel and meal expenses for any distances further than a 60-mile radius from the MBCH Children & Family Ministries office.
5. The family understands they will receive one official copy of their completed home study. Additional copies of the home study requested by the family will be sent directly to the specified agency and will be charged at the rate of \$25 per hour (one-hour minimum) plus the cost of copies at 15 cents per page plus postage.
6. If an MBCHCFM agency adoption occurs, the family's home study fee will be credited to them at finalization of the adoption.
7. Licensed foster parents who want to use their foster parent home study for a private adoption will not be required to pay for their home study if they have served as a foster parent in good standing for at least one year with placements in their home. If they have not served for at least one year, permission must be sought to use the home study for a private adoption from the agency that paid for the home study.

B. DOMESTIC ADOPTION PLACEMENT:

1. The family agrees to submit a non-refundable \$200 initial visit/application fee.
2. The family agrees to pay MBCH Children & Family Ministries 15% of their combined gross income with a cap of \$15,000. This amount is due on the day the adoption is finalized.
3. For any charges that Medicaid does not cover, MBCH Children & Family Ministries agree to pay 25% of the hospital bill with a cap of \$2,500. The family agrees to pay the balance of the hospital charges and other medical bills on behalf of the mother and child.

Placement fees include the following:

- Social history for birth parents
- Counseling for birth parents
- Termination of parental rights court reports
- Home study for adoptive parents
- Counseling for adoptive parents
- Adoptive family and birth family meeting(s)
- Receiving home
- Post-placement supervision and on-going support
- Court summary supervisory report
- Court appearance by MBCH Children & Family Ministries employees

*Please note that attorney fees are not included in this fee schedule. Attorney fees are the adoptive parent's responsibility.

C. POST PLACEMENT SUPERVISION FOR INDEPENDENT ADOPTIONS:

1. MBCH Children & Family Ministries requires at least three visits and two treatment plans (more if deemed necessary) within a six-month time period. The family agrees to pay 300 for each visit. Other services included in this charge are two treatment plans and on-going support from the MBCHCFM worker. Any visits beyond the initial three visits will be billed at \$100 per visit.
2. The family agrees to reimburse 100% cost of travel (mileage based on current IRS allowances) plus actual motel and meal expenses for any distance further than a 60-mile radius from the MBCH Children & Family Ministries office.

D. UPDATING HOMESTUDIES:

1. The family agrees to pay a \$200 non-refundable initial visit/application fee.
2. MBCH Children & Family Ministries will charge \$600 to all families coming from another agency (private or state) with a completed or partially completed homestudy, for the purposes of a domestic adoption. This fee includes at least one home visit. Any additional visits will be billed at \$100 per visit.
3. MBCH Children & Family Ministries will charge \$400 to all families to update a domestic home study originally completed by MBCH Children and Family Ministries. (Note: If the home study was completed in the last three years or less, MBCH Children and Family Ministries will waive the \$200 initial visit/application fee.)
4. One-half of the fee is due after the first visit. The remainder is due at the completion of the home study.
5. The family understands they will receive one official copy of their completed home study. Additional copies of the home study requested by the family will be sent directly to the specified agency and will be charged at the rate of \$25 per hour (one-hour minimum) plus the cost of copies at 15 cents per page plus postage.
6. The family agrees to reimburse 100% of the costs for travel (mileage based on current IRS allowances) plus actual motel and meal expenses for any distances further than a 60-mile radius from the MBCH Children and Family Ministries' office.

Missouri State licensing regulations requires MBCH Children & Family Ministries to update home studies on an annual basis. The agency will not charge any current client for a home study update.

E. GUARDIANSHIP/ COURT ORDERED HOMESTUDIES:

1. The family submits a non-refundable \$200 initial visit/application fee.
2. The family agrees to pay \$150 plus \$20 for each additional child.
3. MBCH Children & Family Ministries agree to provide a homestudy in an acceptable format for use by the court.
4. At least one home visit is required to complete the homestudy, which is included in the homestudy fee. Any additional visits will be billed at \$100 per visit.
5. The family agrees to reimburse 100% of the costs for travel (mileage based on current IRS allowances) plus actual motel and meal expenses for any distances further than a 60-mile radius from the MBCH Children & Family Ministries' office.
6. The family understands they will receive an unofficial copy of their completed home study. Additional official copies of the home study requested by the family will be sent directly to the specified agency and will be charged at the rate of \$25 per hour (one hour minimum) plus the cost of the copies at 15 cents per page plus postage.
7. One-half of the fee is due after the home visit. The remainder is due at the completion of the home study.

F. STEP-PARENT, GRANDPARENT (OR OTHER RELATIVE) ADOPTION HOME STUDY:

1. The family submits a non-refundable \$200 initial visit/application fee.
2. The family agrees to pay \$500 for services to complete the home study.
3. MBCH Children & Family Ministries agree to provide a home study in an acceptable format for use by the court.
4. At least one home visit is required to complete the home study, which is included in the home study fee. Any additional visits will be billed at \$100 per visit.
5. The family agrees to reimburse 100% of the costs for travel (mileage based on current IRS allowances) plus actual motel and meal expenses for any distances further than a 60-mile radius from the MBCH Children & Family Ministries' office.
6. The family understands they will receive an unofficial copy of their completed homestudy. Additional official copies of the home study requested by the family will be sent directly to the specified agency and will be charged at the rate of \$25 per hour (one-hour minimum) plus the cost of copies at 15 cents per page plus postage.
7. One-half of the fee is due after the required home visit. The remainder is due at the completion of the home study.