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CONNECTIONS Clue:



What's the Emergency?

In the FAD Licensing Information window, the term “emergency” has two different meanings!

➤ **Emergency Program Type**

On the Licensing Information window there are Program Type checkboxes for a variety of home types, including Regular, Special Needs, Therapeutic and Emergency. These refer to the type of service the home provides. A home with an Emergency program type will accept emergency placements, such as a middle of the night placement.

➤ **Emergency Status**

“Emergency” can also be chosen as a Status on the Licensing Information window. Emergency status is when children are placed in a home before fingerprint and SCR clearances have been received. If no children are in the home during this time, it can be placed in Applicant status while waiting for clearances.

- Emergency status is valid for 90 days, during which a license cannot be generated. Once the home is fully certified and in Accepted Active status for a 12 month period, the license will be available for printing.
- A Home Study is completed while the home is in Emergency status.
- As soon as an Emergency home receives and records fingerprint clearances, SCR clearances, and valid medical exams, it can be changed to Accepted Active status for a 12 month certification period. It is not necessary to wait until the end of the 90 day period before placing the home in Accepted Active status.
- The home does not need to be kept in Emergency or Applicant status if everything has been received, but training has not been completed. The home can be placed in Accepted Active status since no regulation ties training and its completion specifically to the home’s certification. (See section 443.2 (e) of the NYS Social Services regulations.)
- **IMPORTANT!** – Foster homes are not Title IV-E reimbursable while in Emergency status. *However, once placed in Accepted Active status, the authorization From Date can be adjusted back to the date that children were placed (aka backdating).*

HINT: The Connections Step-by-Step Guide Training for FAD Caseworkers located on the OCFS internet/intranet has excellent information concerning Emergency homes. Although it has not

been rewritten for the transformed version of Connections, the background information is still relevant. The electronic document may be searched for specific words such as 'Emergency' to quickly access resource information.