

**WAC 110-80-0290** If a child met federal Title IV-E eligibility for adoption assistance before the adoption, but was not placed on the adoption support program, what may the adoptive parent do after adoption finalization to obtain adoption support services for the adopted child? For a child who met the Title IV-E eligibility criteria for adoption assistance prior to adoption, federal rules allow for a possible finding of extenuating circumstances through an administrative hearing process. In these situations, the adoptive parent must apply for adoption support. The department will deny the application and the adoptive parent may then request a review by an administrative law judge or a review judge to determine if extenuating circumstances exist that justify the department's post-adoption agreement to provide adoption support services to a special needs child.

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