600.18 Determination of assistance.

1. Any prospective adoptive parent desiring financial assistance shall state this fact in the petition for adoption. The department shall investigate the person petitioning for adoption and the child and shall file with the juvenile court or court a statement of whether the department will provide assistance as provided in section 600.17, this section, and sections 600.19 through 600.22, the estimated amount, extent, and duration of assistance, and any other information the juvenile court or court may order.

2. If the department is unable to determine that an insurance policy will cover the costs of special services, it shall proceed as if no policy existed, for the purpose of determining eligibility to receive assistance. The department shall, to the amount of financial assistance given, be subrogated to the rights of the adoptive parent in the insurance contract.

[C73, 75, §600.12; C77, 79, 81, §600.18]

83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2000 Acts, ch 1145, §22; 2018 Acts, ch 1041, §127; 2021 Acts, ch 80, §351; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1252

Referred to in §600.5, 600.22, 627.19