



State of Minnesota Commissioner's Statement on Adoption

STATE OF MINNESOTA COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT ON ADOPTION UNDER STATUTE 259.35(1): "MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 259.59, PROVIDES THAT UPON LEGALLY ADOPTING A CHILD, ADOPTIVE PARENTS ASSUME ALL THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BIRTH PARENTS. THE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE PROVIDING FOR THE CHILD'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND CARING FOR HEALTH, EMOTIONAL, AND BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS. EXCEPT FOR SUBSIDIZED ADOPTIONS UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 259.67, OR ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT EXPRESSLY APPLY TO ADOPTIVE PARENTS AND CHILDREN, ADOPTIVE PARENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE OR FEDERAL FINANCIAL SUBSIDIES BESIDES THOSE THAT A BIRTH PARENT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FOR A CHILD. ADOPTIVE PARENTS MAY NOT TERMINATE THEIR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO A LEGALLY ADOPTED CHILD FOR A REASON THAT WOULD NOT APPLY TO A BIRTH PARENT SEEKING TO TERMINATE RIGHTS TO A CHILD. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO TAKES GUARDIANSHIP OF A CHILD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE CHILD SHALL, UPON TAKING GUARDIANSHIP FROM THE CHILD'S COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, ASSUME ALL THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BIRTH AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS AS STATED IN THIS PARAGRAPH."

The adoptive parent(s) are responsible for filing an adoption petition no later than 9 months after the child is placed in the adoptive home.
(Minnesota Statutes 260C.623 Subd. 2(a))