

89004 Agency Eligibility for Licensure

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Each agency shall conform to all applicable rules and regulations of the Department and shall make provision for resources, either in the agency or in the community, for support of persons accepted for care; and for medical and psychiatric services for persons as needed. The agency shall coordinate its services with other community social services.

(b)

The following types of agencies shall be subject to licensure: (1) County Adoption Agency. A county adoption agency shall be designated by the county Board of Supervisors as the single public adoption agency in the county through which adoption services will be offered. When a county is planning to make application to provide adoption services, the county shall file with the Department a letter of intent or resolution signed by the chairman of the Board of Supervisors authorizing the chairman to sign the application and to enter into agreements with the Department. (2) Private Adoption Agency. A private adoption agency shall be organized and operated on a nonprofit philanthropic basis.

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An adoption agency shall be considered for licensure only if there are no other licensed adoption placement services available in the community or if the services provided by the other adoption agencies are not sufficient to serve the parents applying for service of the children who are in need of it. The agency shall make provision for resources in the community from which to obtain financial assistance, including medical and hospital expenses, for mothers who need it; support of children accepted for study or awaiting adoptive placement; and adequate number of foster homes for children under study or awaiting adoptive placement; and medical and psychiatric services for children as needed.