

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid repetition of the full reference to a "local department of social services".

Defined term: "County" § 1-101

(D) SUBSIDY.

"SUBSIDY" MEANS:

- (1) A MONEY PAYMENT;
- (2) MEDICAL CARE;
- (3) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; OR
- (4) SPECIAL SERVICES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the second clause of former Article 16, § 88A.

5-402. PURPOSE OF SUBTITLE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO MAKE POSSIBLE, THROUGH A PUBLIC SUBSIDY, THE MOST APPROPRIATE ADOPTION OF EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 16, § 88B.

Defined terms: "Eligible child" § 5-401
"Subsidy" § 5-401

5-403. ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBSIDY.

THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER A SUBSIDY IS NECESSARY TO ASSURE A CHILD'S ADOPTION BECAUSE OF THE CHILD'S SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING:

- (1) PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY;
- (2) EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE;
- (3) RECOGNIZED HIGH RISK OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISEASE;
- (4) AGE;
- (5) SIBLING RELATIONSHIP; AND
- (6) RACIAL OR ETHNIC FACTORS.