CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
Department for Community Based Services
Division of Protection and Permanency

Dear Caregiver/Adoptive Parent,

You are receiving this letter because you have a child who is seventeen (17) years of age or older and is receiving subsidized permanent custody (SPC) assistance or adoption assistance. An adopted child or child receiving an SPC subsidy may have a disability as determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) or by a Cabinet for Health and Family Services (Cabinet/CHFS) medical review team (MRT) that allows for the continuation of Title IV-E SPC or adoption assistance after the age of eighteen (18). Disability includes an inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity because of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment(s) and can be expected to result in death or last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months.

The Department for Disability Determination Services (DDS) MRT considers the following factors **at least six (6) months before the youth's eighteenth (18th) birthday** to allow or deny a disability determination for a child:

-The child's medical history and medical testimony, including information relating to the alleged physical or mental disability, illness, or impairment as to whether the child's ability to gain full-time employment or pursue opportunities within a state or federal education program is reduced;

-The child's age, employment history, education, and effect of the physical or mental condition on the ability to care and support self.

If you believe the child in your care may have a disability as described above, please contact your subsidy worker/clinician/specialist regarding the process for disability determination services. It is important to communicate with your worker in a timely manner and submit any required documentation promptly. If this documentation is not returned timely, the adoption assistance contract will terminate once the youth reaches the age of eighteen (18).