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**PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM 21-14**

**TO:** Service Region Administrators  
Service Region Administrator Associates  
Service Region Clinical Associates  
Regional Program Specialists  
Family Services Office Supervisors

**FROM:** Kelli Root, Acting Assistant Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Adult Adoption

The purpose of this information memorandum is to provide clarification regarding youth who are placed in out-of-home care (OOHC) who are adopted as adults. As outlined in [SOP 4.18 Ongoing Case Planning](#), efforts should be made to obtain the most appropriate permanency goal for all youth and diligent efforts should be made throughout the case to secure connections and supports for youth in OOHC. Youth in OOHC may be adopted as adults after they reach age 18. This court action is initiated by both the adoptive parent and the youth with the youth's consent. The adoption judgment results in a name change if the youth wishes and other legal considerations, such as purposes of inheritance and succession. However, the adoption does not result in a custody change; therefore, the youth remains committed to Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) and the foster/adoptive parent(s) continues to receive the daily per diem. The youth may remain on extended commitment until age 21 as outlined in [SOP 11.43 Release or Extension/Reinstatement of Commitment for Youth](#).

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