



**PLACEMENT AUTHORIZATION-FOSTER CARE / RESIDENTIAL CARE**  
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**Purpose:** Use this form to authorize placement in a foster care setting.

**Instructions:** To complete this form, see 2085FCIns.

**Directions:** After completing this form and obtaining signatures, give the original to the caregiver and file a copy in the case record.

**Help:** Contact your supervisor for issues regarding use of this form with foster care placements.

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), managing conservator of

Child's Name		Person ID.	Medicaid No.
Date of Birth	County	Court No.	Cause No.

hereby authorizes \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as this child's caregiver under the following terms and conditions:

- Daily Care.** The caregiver must provide the child's daily care, protection, control and reasonable discipline. Physical discipline, including spanking may not be used on a child that is in the conservatorship of DFPS. Reasonable discipline should be related to the child's specific misbehavior, age, developmental level, previous experiences, reactions to previous discipline, and any other relevant factors. The caregiver must comply with any applicable court orders and must provide care for the child which conforms to all applicable DFPS rules and standards and any specific instructions from DFPS. The child's placement with the caregiver is based on the caregiver's compliance with the requirements set forth in the contract with DFPS. DFPS, at its sole discretion, may transfer the child to another placement at any time.
- Education.** The caregiver must enroll the child in public school and / or other educational program(s) as directed by the child's caseworker or the caseworker's supervisor. The caregiver may sign any documents needed to enroll the child in a school or other educational program to implement DFPS's decisions about the child's education. The caregiver may also receive and review all the child's educational records. The caregiver may not consent to corporal discipline.
- School Programs and Extracurricular Activities.** The caregiver may authorize the child to participate in routine school programs and extracurricular activities that do not involve an unusual risk of injury to the child. The caregiver must inform the child's caseworker of all such activities.
- Foster children who are the legal responsibility of the State or formally placed with a caregiver by the court are categorically eligible for free meals/milk in the National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP), Special Milk Program (SMP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). A caregiver who wants free meals/milk for their foster child/children need only present this document to the school, the summer feeding site, or their child care provider. No further application is required.**
- Travel.** The caregiver may provide routine transportation for the child, including transportation for medical and dental care. The caregiver may also travel with the child within the state of Texas and remain away from the caregiver's facility for as long as 72 consecutive hours, or may arrange for the child to travel within the state of Texas and remain away from the caregiver's facility for as long as 48 consecutive hours.

If the travel is within the state of Texas and for more than three 3 calendar days (72 consecutive hours), the caregiver must obtain prior written approval from the Department's caseworker or DFPS staff in the caseworker's chain of command. When the caregiver desires to take a child outside the state or country, the caregiver shall work with the Department's caseworker to follow policies and procedures.

Prior to allowing any trip, activity, or visit to the home of any non-related person during which the caregiver will not be present, excluding Intermittent Alternate Care, for a period of time exceeding 48 consecutive hours, the caregiver must obtain written approval from the Department's caseworker or caseworker's chain of command.





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- If the contractor or caregiver cannot readily determine the identity or authority of an individual appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the contractor or caregiver must obtain approval from the Department prior to granting the individual access to the Child.

11. Reason for Placement                      Briefly discuss the reason for the child's out-of-home placement below

12. Time in Care                                  How long is the child expected to be in care

**Authority of the Department of Family and Protective Services.** DFPS, at its sole discretion, may remove the child from the caregiver at any time, subject to applicable court orders.

**Important:** Forms in the 2085 series are the only caregiver authorizations that the child's caseworker and the caseworker's supervisor may sign. If either of them has signed any other caregiver authorization, that authorization is null and void.

_____	_____	_____
Signature - Caregiver	Date	Telephone No.
_____	_____	_____
Signature - DFPS Caseworker	Date	Telephone No.
_____	_____	_____
Signature - DFPS Supervisor	Date	Telephone No.
_____	_____	_____
Program Director (Printed name only)		Telephone No.