

**STATE ADOPTION FUND PROGRAM**

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**State Authorization:** N.C.G.S. 108A-49 and 108A-50

**N.C. Department of Health and Human Services Division  
Social Services**

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**Brief Description of Program:**

This program provides adoption assistance to certain children with special needs following entry of a Decree of Adoption. To qualify, these children must be in the placement responsibility of a North Carolina licensed private adoption agency or had been in the placement responsibility of a North Carolina licensed private adoption agency and meet all other adoption assistance eligibility requirements. Payments must be no greater than the foster care board rate. In addition, vendor payments for medical and non-medical specialized services may be provided up to \$2,400 per year.

Effective October 1, 2011 10A NCAC 70M .0403 was amended to include: "No monthly cash assistance payments from the State Fund for Adoptive Children with Special Needs shall be made for any adoption in which the Decree of Adoption is issued on or after October 1, 2011." All adoption assistance agreements signed prior to October 1, 2011 remain in effect. As of July 2017, statewide 700 cases were identified as active and the total should continue to decrease across the fiscal year.

**Organizations Funded:**     Private     Local Government     Both

**Source of Funds:**            State 100%            Federal \_\_\_\_\_