MUSER 7/7/2023 – State Agency Clients

In DHHS custody (State Ward) – and 6 months after custody returned to family



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40. State Agency Client. State agency client means a child of eligible school age who is:

- A. In the care or custody, or both, of the Department of Health and Human Services;
- B. Placed by a caseworker from the Department of Health and Human Services or an authorized agent of Children's Behavioral Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services, for reasons other than educational reasons, with a person who is not the child's parent, legal guardian or relative;
- C. Attending a public or private school while still a resident of a state-operated institution; or
- D. In the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Corrections, including, but not limited to, a juvenile on conditional release, an informally adjusted juvenile, a probationer or a juvenile on community reintegration status from the Long Creek Youth Development Center or the Mountain View Youth Development Center and who is placed, for reasons other than educational reasons, pursuant to a court order or with the agreement of an authorized agent of the Department of Corrections, outside the juvenile's home. [20-A MRSA §1(34-A)]

A state agency client is a child who has been identified as a child with a disability in accordance with this rule. State agency client also means a child who is under 6 years of age who meets one of the criteria in A-D above.