

**441—200.3 (600) Application.** Persons wishing to apply to adopt a child through the department shall use Form 470-0743 or 470-0743(S), Application for Adoption. An application for adoption shall only be accepted for children who are under the guardianship of the department.

**200.3(1) Limitations.** The department and its recruitment and retention contractor shall accept only applications for adoption of a special needs child. Applications for adoption of a child without special needs shall be referred to private child-placing agencies. Exceptions to this rule may be made for:

- a.* Relatives of a child under the guardianship of the department; or
- b.* Foster parents with whom the child has a significant relationship.

**200.3(2) Procedures.** An application for a special needs child shall be accepted by any department office or by the department's recruitment and retention contractor. Before a home study is completed, applicants shall:

- a.* Complete Form 470-0743 or 470-0743(S), Application for Adoption, and
- b.* Ensure that Form 470-0720, Physician's Report for Foster and Adoptive Parents, is completed by the applicant's family physician.

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