

When a family's dossier is placed on hold, this means that All Blessings International will communicate to our Foreign Service Provider partners that the family should not be suggested as a referral for a child, nor will the family be allowed to accept the referral of a child during the hold period. Families may continue to work on dossier documents during a hold period, with the understanding that the referral holds described below will apply:

If no referral has been made:

Prospective adoptive families that become pregnant prior to the referral of a child will be required by the agency to place their adoption process on hold for a minimum period of six months. Families must report pregnancies to the agency within 90 days.

If a new child is born, the family will be required by the agency to place their adoption process on hold for a minimum period of six months. Following the six month hold, a complete home study update and assessment of the family with the new child must be submitted to the agency before the adoption case can be reactivated.

If the prospective adoptive family adopts or accepts the referral of another child before the referral of a child from an ABI program, the family will be required by the agency to place their ABI adoption process on hold until the first adopted child has been in the home for a minimum period of six months.

Following the six month hold, a complete home study update and assessment of the family with the newly adopted child must be submitted to the agency before the dossier can be reactivated.

If a referral has been made:

The case may either continue or be placed on hold until six months after the arrival of the new child, as stated above, dependent upon:

- Sending country policies
- ABI staffing decisions
- Needs and characteristics of the newly arrived child in the family and of the referred child
- Wishes of the adoptive family

Under no circumstances will ABI allow a child to be placed on hold for a family due to the arrival of a new child or pregnancy.

Please note, exceptions to the pregnancy policy may be made on a case by case basis.

Applicant Approval:

After receiving the completed Preliminary Application, it will be reviewed to determine if your family meets the basic requirements for adoption services from All Blessings International, Inc. and the sending country, if one has been selected. If these requirements are met, the family will be permitted to proceed. Approval for the continuation of the Home Study and/or adoption process can only be given after all pertinent information has been received and approved. The above standards only apply to this agency, as various placement agencies and countries may have different requirements. Please contact our offices if this causes confusion.

All Blessings International reserves the right to require additional documentation, references, psychological evaluations, meetings, education, or other certifications prior to approving any family for adoption to ensure that children are placed with safe and loving families.

All clients have the right to refuse any recommended or suggested service. Failure to accept recommended or suggested services could result in the inability to complete an adoption utilizing the services of this agency.

Adoptive Parent Signature

Date

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