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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
JUVENILE DIVISION

) **BLANKET ORDER NO. 28**
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) **RELEASE OF JUVENILE COURT**
) **RECORDS TO MAXIMUS, INC. IN ORDER**
) **TO QUALIFY FOSTER CHILDREN AND**
) **NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS FOR**
) **SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME**
) **(SSI)**
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Welf. & Inst. Code § 13752 provides as follows:

The State Department of Social Services shall convene a workgroup comprised of the County Welfare Directors Association, county welfare directors, child advocacy organizations, current and former foster youth and other relevant stakeholders, as determined by the department, to develop best practice guidelines for county welfare departments to assist children residing in the state's or a county's custody who are eligible for benefits under Title II of the federal Social Security Act, pursuant to Section 402 et seq. of Title 42 of the United States Code (social security benefits) and Title XVI of the Social Security Act, pursuant to Section 1381 of Title 42 of the United States Code (supplemental security income benefits) in receiving all federal benefits for which they are eligible. The guidelines shall be established by December 31, 2006, and shall include, but not be limited to, establishing procedures for all of the following:

- 1 (a) Determining the time and manner for conducting disability screenings
2 for children in the custody of the county who may be eligible for social
3 security or Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment
4 (SSI/SSP) benefits.
5 (b) Assisting in the application process for social security and SSI/SSP
6 benefits for each child who, pursuant to the disability screening, is likely to
7 be determined eligible for benefits.
8 (c) Requesting reconsideration and appealing adverse decisions where
9 appropriate.
10 (d) Informing parents and caretakers, at the time the child leaves foster
11 care, of potential eligibility for social security or SSI/SSP benefits for any
12 child not receiving benefits but who may be eligible upon application for
13 those benefits.
14 (e) Maximizing the amount of federal benefits received for the current
15 maintenance of children in the county's custody.
16 (f) Informing foster youth of their rights and responsibilities for the
17 continued receipt of SSI benefits, the sources of assistance that may be
18 available for resolving problems youth may have with the receipt of SSI
19 benefits, and the process for transferring accumulated SSI benefits.

20 As a result of this legislation, All County Letter No. 07-10 dated February 28, 2007 was issued,
21 (<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/lettersnotices/entres/getinfo/acl07/pdf/07-10.pdf>) which established Best Practice
22 Guidelines (BPG) for screening foster children with disabilities and assisting them with eligibility for
23 social security benefits. The BPG suggests that counties can assist youth with the SSI application
24 process, including appeals, involve a responsible adult in the youth's application process to provide
25 guidance to the youth, make arrangements with local legal service agencies to provide counsel to the
26 youth on SSI matters, and refer the youth to appropriate adult social services.

27 Pursuant to these guidelines, County of Riverside, by and through its Department of Public Social
28 Services (DPSS) has contracted with Maximus Inc. aka Maximus Human Services Inc. (MAXIMUS) to
assist with qualifying youth (foster children and Non-Minor Dependents) for SSI benefits. MAXIMUS is
dedicated to improving the welfare of the nation's most vulnerable populations by providing a broad
range of SSI assessment services.

MAXIMUS will develop and file completed documents for each step of the process of applying
for SSI, including applications, appeals, reconsiderations, reinstatements, and re-certifications.

1 MAXIMUS will coordinate with all state and federal offices involved to complete these documents.
2 MAXIMUS will obtain all relevant documentation from hospitals, medical centers, physicians, clinics,
3 schools, DPSS, and other offices to meet the burden of proof of disability required by the Social Security
4 Administration (SSA).

5 Information that is needed in order to complete the appropriate documentation includes, but is not
6 limited to:

- 7 1. The child's name;
- 8 2. The child's date of birth;
- 9 3. The child's social security number;
- 10 4. DPSS/CWS case number;
- 11 5. Medical records to determine whether the child:
 - 12 a. Has a serious physical or mental impairment which limits his or her daily activities;
 - 13 b. Has been hospitalized or required medical treatment for a medical disability or
14 psychiatric condition that has lasted or can be expected to last 12 months or result
15 in death;
 - 16 c. Requires medication on a daily basis;
 - 17 d. Requires adaptations in order to function including assistive devices or appliances
18 such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, orthopedic devices, or devices for self-care
19 activities such as bathing, feeding, toileting, and dressing;
 - 20 e. Receives special services, such as counseling or speech therapy;
 - 21 f. Has a presumptive disability such as amputation, deafness, blindness, wheelchair or
22 bed bound, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome or obvious mental retardation,
23 prematurity with birth weight of 1,200 grams or less, or HIV/AIDS.
- 24 6. Educational records to determine whether the child:
 - 25 a. Has been absent from school due to health or behavioral problems;
 - 26 b. Has been tested or attends special education classes;

- 1 c. Has an Independent Education Plan (IEP), pending IEP, or qualifies for services
- 2 under Education Code Section 504;
- 3 d. Has standardized test scores lower than average;
- 4 e. Receives special services such as speech therapy.
- 5 7. DPSS or the Juvenile Court records to determine:
- 6 a. Whether the child is likely to exit Foster Care, through adoption, guardianship,
- 7 emancipation, or reunification in less than one year;
- 8 b. Whether the child is a minor parent;
- 9 c. Whether the child is eligible for or receives a Specialized Care Increment or
- 10 Regional Center Rate.
- 11 d. Child's current Funding Source and Amount;
- 12 e. Whether the child is a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant.

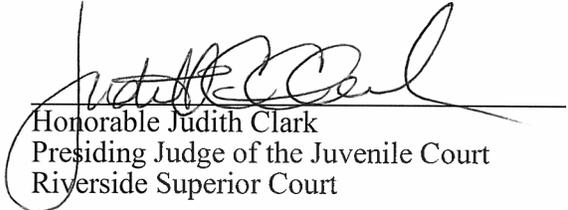
13 Documents that need to be gathered and submitted to the Social Security Administration with the
 14 application are identified as follows:

15 **Medical/Behavioral/Developmental**

- 16 ● Child's Medical Record Number(s) and source of number(s)
- 17 ● Name, address, and phone number of every doctor, therapist, and clinic/hospital that has
- 18 seen or treated the child for at least the last year.
- 19 ● Any available medical records.
- 20 ● Any medications the child is taking.
- 21 ● Any medical tests the child has had.
- 22 ● Signed Authorization to Disclose Information to the Social Security Administration
- 23 (SSA 827)
- 24 ● Function Reports (SSA 3375 through 3379)
- 25 ● SSA 3368 or SSA 3820
- 26 ● SSA 11 BK (Representative Payee Form)

1 information obtained under this order shall be made any part of any other court file that is open to the
2 public, unless by further court order or as allowed by law.

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4 Dated: Sept. 17, 2018


5 Honorable Judith Clark
6 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
7 Riverside Superior Court