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Introduction

Chapter 8 of Volume 1 contains foundational (provincial) standards for the governance and management of mandated child and family services agencies and licensed adoption agencies.

Chapter 7, [Service Administration](#), contains standards with respect to the delivery of services.

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Chapter Content

The sections in Chapter 8 of Volume 1 are not yet available with the exception of [Section 1.8.1, Workforce Qualifications](#) and [Section 1.8.2, Human Resource Practices](#). They will be added as the Child Protection Branch in consultation with the child and family services authorities approves them.

Legislation

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Establishment of Agencies

[Section 6.1](#) of *The Child and Family Services Act* provides for the mandating of corporations without share capital as agencies for the purpose of providing child and family services under this Act and *The Adoption Act*. Under [subsection \(2\)](#), the General Authority may mandate a regional office even though it is not a corporation without share capital.

[Clause 5\(1\)\(c\)](#) of *The Adoption Act* provides for the licensing of adoption agencies in accordance with the regulations. Subsection 2(1) of the [Adoption Agencies Licensing Regulation](#) states that a corporation may, in the form and manner specified by the director



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(Director of Child and Family Services), apply to the director for a licence to operate an adoption agency.

[Part XXII](#) of *The Corporations Act* applies to all agencies incorporated under *The Child and Family Services Act* and licensed under *The Adoption Act*.

Funding of Agencies

[Subsection 6.6\(1\)](#) of *The Child and Family Services Act* states that the minister may fix rates for services provided under the Act.

[Sections 24](#) and [25](#) of *The Child and Family Services Authorities Act* list the responsibilities and powers of the minister (Minister of Family Services and Housing). Clause (d) refers to allocating funding and other resources to authorities.

Section 32 of the [Adoption Regulation](#) lists eligible expenses that a prospective adoptive parent may pay. Sections 33 to 42 of the regulation deal with fees and disbursements chargeable by agencies. Schedule A list the fees and maximum amounts that may be charged.

Policy

Provincial policies with respect to the governance and management of external (non-government) agencies are reflected in a Manitoba Family Services and Housing publication entitled [The Roles, Responsibilities and Functions of a Board: A Board Development Guide](#). This guide was prepared for board and staff of provincially funded social service agencies.

Standards

The foundational standards in this chapter are minimum requirements for the governance and management of mandated child and family services agencies and licensed adoption agencies.

Child and family services agencies are also required to follow culturally appropriate standards developed by their respective mandating authorities pursuant to [section 19](#) of *The Child and Family Services Authorities Act*.