

468-000-305 EXAMPLES OF STANDARD FILING UNIT

1. Mom _____ married _____ Dad

Her daughter
Her son

His daughter
His son

Their child together

All must be in the unit. Their child together makes the other children half brothers and sisters and there is relative responsibility of both parents for all children.

2. Mom _____ married _____ Dad

Her daughter
Her son

His daughter
His son

No child in common

According to Nebraska statute, a stepparent is financially responsible for his/her stepchildren, so everyone must be in the unit together.

3. Mom _____ unmarried _____ Dad

2 Children
(Previous marriage or another father)

Child in common

Has paternity for their child been established?

If not established:

Unit consists of:

Mom
Her 2 children
Their child

The unit remains this way unless paternity is established or they get married.

If paternity has been established:

Is the child in common economically deprived (do they qualify for a grant as a five-person unit)?

If yes:

Unit consists of:

Mom
Her 2 children
Dad
Their child

Issue: Because the unborn is not a grant-eligible dependent child, can the alleged father of the unborn be included in the ADC grant unit?

Reply: No. Because the unborn cannot be included in the ADC grant until the final trimester of pregnancy and paternity cannot be established before the birth occurs, the alleged father is not drawn into the grant unit.

4. Aunt (relative payee)

Niece of same parents
Nephew

Aunt could have a unit of three of them, or she could have just the two children, but she may not have related siblings in different ADC units.

5. Aunt (relative payee)

Niece - daughter of sister and brother-in-law
Nephew - son of brother and sister-in-law

Aunt's needs may be in or out of the unit. Although the children are not blood related, if they are living as a family unit, they must be budgeted together. Aunt has the option of excluding either child, but may not draw separate benefits for each.

6. The household consists of mother, daughter, son, and grandchild (child of the daughter). If the daughter is age 18 or younger and attending school full-time, the household is budgeted as one unit.

Mother
Daughter
Son
Grandchild

If the daughter is 18 or younger and has dropped out of school, she will be required to participate in Employment First. Her EF participation requirement will either be to return to school or to complete an Employability Plan and participate in another EF component. In either event, the daughter will again meet the definition of a dependent child, so we would again budget them as a single unit.

If the daughter is 18 years of age and has graduated from high school, she and her child may be established in a separate ADC unit as follows:

Mother Daughter
Son Daughter's Child

Each unit is potentially eligible for an ADC grant. If the mother has income greater than her unit's payment standard, that income is allocated to the daughter's unit. This allocation continues until the daughter reaches the age of majority (19) or moves out of her mother's home.