

If there are medical fees involved how does that work?

As stated previously, when applicable, *medical fees are in addition to the placement fee.* We have provided a general estimate of medical care expenses for normal delivery with few complications. It does not take into account Cesarean Section costs or additional costs for more difficult medical circumstances.

Once all medical bills received by Gentle Care are paid with this fee (due at placement), we will either process a refund to the adoptive parents or we will invoice them for any additional medical bill amounts due. We will always provide the adoptive parents with statements and, upon request, copies of itemized bills. We ask that all medical care providers provide us with a bill within 90 days of the baby’s birth, although bills have been known to come in months and even years later.

All medical bills received by Gentle Care prior to finalization must be paid prior to finalization. If we have insufficient funds to pay all bills, and the adoptive couple has not forwarded additional monies to enable us to pay the bills, this could delay your adoption finalization date.

Adoption by Gentle Care will apply for Medicaid for each infant to cover the days in the hospital prior to placement. We have been fairly successful in obtaining Medicaid coverage, but if for some reason Medicaid is denied, the adoptive parents will be responsible for all of the child’s medical bills.

If the adoptive parents find their own birth mother, the overall Agency fees are significantly reduced. However, there will be a \$500.00 fee for Gentle Care to apply for Medicaid for the baby in these cases. The Medical Fees below would still apply for the birth mother, if appropriate.

Medical Fees (non-insured birth mothers)

Hospital - Birthmother	\$ 3,500.00
Hospital – Baby (application for Medicaid)	\$ 0
OB/GYN - Birthmother	\$ 3,500.00
Pediatrician – Baby (application for Medicaid)	\$ 0
	\$ 7,000.00

Medical Fees (privately insured birth mothers)

Hospital – Birthmother	\$1,000.00
Hospital – Baby (application for Medicaid)	\$ 0
OB/GYN – Birthmother	\$ 500.00
Pediatrician – Baby (application for Medicaid)	\$ 0
	\$1,500.00

Medical Fees (Medicaid birth mothers)

Hospital - Birthmother	Medicaid
Hospital – Baby (application for Medicaid)	\$ 0
OB/GYN - Birthmother	Medicaid
Pediatrician – Baby (application for Medicaid)	\$ 0
	\$ 0*

*** With changes currently being made to Medicaid, it is possible that there may be a co-pay or deductible due for the birthmother. If Medicaid is denied for the baby, the Adoptive Couple will be responsible for all medical fees.**

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Fees for Individual Adoption Related Services

Families need individual adoption services for the following reasons:

- They have found a birth mother on their own and need a licensed agency to perform adoption services.
- They are working with a professional who is not able to perform services in Ohio.
- They only need international or domestic home study services.
- They only need some adoption services for various reasons.

In these cases, we have broken our fees down individually. Please note: if you are adopting through Gentle Care, then these fees are included in your total cost of adoption listed in the commonly asked question section.

The necessity for these services will be determined on an individual basis.

All fees are non-refundable and are subject to change.

A. Independent Home Study	\$1,150.00
In addition if expedited within 30 days	\$ 200.00
B. Home Study Update	\$ 600.00
C. Home Study Update (if placement has not occurred within two years of the Home Study and Gentle Care performed the original Home Study)	\$ 250.00
D. Home Study Update (if placement has not occurred within two years of the Home Study and Gentle Care did not perform the original Home Study)	\$ 500.00
E. Home Study Conversion (International to Domestic or vice versa) (if Gentle Care completed your Home Study)	\$ 500.00
F. Home Study Conversion (International to Domestic or vice versa) (if Gentle Care did not complete your Home Study)	\$ 800.00
G. Pre-Finalization Supervision for Independent Domestic Home Studies (7 visits within 6 months)	\$ 750.00
H. Pre-Finalization Supervisory Visits (Independent Domestic Home Study)	\$ 125.00/per visit
I. Pre-Finalization Supervisory Visits (Independent International Home Study)	\$ 175.00/per visit
J. Mileage (if the Social Worker must travel more than 60 miles round trip)	\$.50.5/per mile
K. Legal termination of birth father/husband rights	\$ 600.00
L. Native American Clearance Check	\$ 90.00/per tribe
M. Special requests from adoptive parents to include but not limited to specific medical tests not considered to be routine medical policy. The fee shall include the cost of the test requested and agency time to facilitate request at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.	
N. Counseling for birth parents required beyond that provided by Gentle Care will be referred to an appropriate professional and billed to adoptive parents not to exceed \$750.00 for each birth parent involved in the placement. This can occur before or after placement.	
O. If finalization needs to occur outside of Franklin County there will be a document charge of \$150.00. The adoptive parents must contact the Executive Director for authorization of finalization in a county other than Franklin.	
P. If surrender and/or placement occurs on a weekend (after 5:00 p.m. on Friday through Sunday), on a holiday, or after 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday) there will be a \$200.00 fee.	
Q. The agency will facilitate conference calls and meetings after placement. Adoptive parents are responsible for the actual cost of any conference call and staff services at the rate of \$25.00/per hour.	
R. Attorney fees incurred for legal representation of birth parent(s) required when birth parent(s) is under 18 years of age (estimate: \$300.00).	
S. Attorney fees and court cost for the Finalization, issuance of the Final Decree of Adoption and birth certificate (estimate: \$800.00)	
T. Foster Care costs (estimate: \$50.00/day)	