The following is a breakdown of the fees and payment expectations for the adoption home study and post-placement services for the adoption of a U.S. waiting child.

**Application Fee (non-refundable)**  $350.00

**Home Preparation Study**  $3200.00

$500 is due at the first interview, one half ($1350) is due at the second interview, the remainder ($1350) is due at the final interview.

After a home study has been completed, any significant changes in the prospective adoptive family’s situation or in the recommendation for the type of child to be adopted will require a home study update. Home studies need to be updated annually. The charge for a home study update is $500. After a child is placed in the home, the home study or update is no longer valid.

**Case Management Fee**
An initial case management fee of $500 will be charged for agency time to consult with custodial agencies, when waiting child referrals are under consideration and to submit preliminary documents. An additional case management fee of $500 will be charged to for submission of additional required documents and to negotiate the contract for placement once a specific waiting child has been approved and accepted.

**Post-placement Fees**
- Fees for post-placement visits and reports are generally paid by the child’s custodial agency per a specific contract negotiated with Lutheran Child and Family Services.
- In placements where adoptive parents are responsible for post-placement fees, a $400 fee per post-placement visit will be charged. There will be additional fees for sibling placements.

The number of visits is determined by state, agency, and/or court requirements. Post-placement for siblings or twins will be charged at $600 per visit. Post-placement fees include any required final report to the court.

There will be a surcharge of $150 to cover additional mileage and travel time for home studies, home study updates and post-placement visits if the client’s home is in excess of 150 miles round trip from the agency’s adoption offices (Oak Brook, Springfield or Belleville).

**All fees must be paid prior to finalization of adoption**

*Fees are subject to change. Clients will need to pay fees that are current at the time of service delivery.*

I/We have read and understood the above fee agreement with Lutheran Child and Family Services and by virtue of signature agree to the stated terms.

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Client                                                                                     Client

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Sept. 2019                                                                Date