

CATEGORICAL FACTORS**RELATIONSHIP OF CHILD TO CARETAKER RELATIVE**

NOTE: A caretaker relative can be under the age of 21 if s/he assumes a parental role. For example, a teenage parent living with his/her child.

Verification:

The A/R's statement of his/her relationship to the child is acceptable unless there is reason to doubt the validity of the relationship. A signed application indicating relationship is generally the only verification required. When the relationship is questionable other verification is necessary.

Examples of acceptable forms of verification are:

- birth certificate
- baptismal certificate
- court papers
- adoption papers
- marriage certificate
- other documentation from schools or social services agencies

Documentation:

Sufficient to establish an audit trail:

- (a) signed application; and
- (b) if the living relationship is questionable: type of document; date and place of filing; and identifying numbers of the available document or name of the official signing the document.