

**5405 FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS**

5405.1 Applicants and program participants shall identify the relationship of each household member to the Head of Household with the following types of documents:

- (a) Marriage:
  - (1) Marriage Certificate;
  - (2) Marriage License;
  - (3) Proof of Common Law Marriage Recognition; or
  - (4) Official IRS Tax Records;
- (b) Separation or Divorce:
  - (1) Certified Copy of Divorce Decree;
  - (2) Court Record documenting separation;
  - (3) Evidence of annulment; or
  - (4) If there is no court order, documentation from clergy, social service providers or other community members;
- (c) To prove the absence of a Family member, the Family shall supply verification in accordance with § 5318.3 and § 5318.4;
- (d) To prove that a Family has been abandoned by the Head of Household, a remaining household member must provide one of the following types of documents:
  - (1) Certification from a social service agency;
  - (2) Information from child support enforcement agency;
  - (3) Documentation of legal action against parent or guardian;
  - (4) Documentation that the Head of Household is incarcerated; or
  - (5) Other acceptable documentation as determined by DCHA on a case-by-case basis; or

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- (e) To prove the existence of a foster relationship, the Head of Household shall provide one (1) of the following forms of documentation:
  - (1) Verification from the state or local government agency responsible for the placement of the individual with the Family is required; or
  - (2) Written verification from a biological parent sufficient to show a Family or custodial relationship with the participant and the child or children.

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