

# RELATIVE CAREGIVER CERTIFICATION COMPARISON



Certification does not add extra requirements or make caregiving more difficult. The same background checks, safety and caregiver assessments are required whether a caregiver is certified. Certification simply means fewer monthly visits and a higher monthly payment at the same rate as licensed foster homes.

Requirements	Certified	Unlicensed/Not Certified
<b>Name and Fingerprint-based background checks</b>	Required	Required
<b>Safety and Needs Assessment</b>	Required	Required
<b>Caregiver Assessment</b>	Required	Required
<b>Monthly Visits by Caseworker</b>	1 regular visit	2 regular visits
<b>Monthly Payments</b>	Same rate as licensed foster homes	90% of the rate as licensed foster homes



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