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UNDERSTANDING THE HEALTH AND AVAILABILITY OF WAITING CHILDREN

Concerning the health and availability of a waiting child for adoption:

1. There are risks in every adoption;
2. China has the authority to cease processing international adoptions without notice or reason;
3. China has the authority to change requirements or adoption procedures at any time;
4. Information regarding a child's health, development, background, etc. is provided by Madison based on information received from the adoption authority in China;
5. Madison does not provide any guarantees or assurance as to the availability, correct age, and/or health status of a child;
6. *All* children adopted from a foreign country possess the risk of minor to significant physical, emotional, developmental and/or speech and language delays often associated with institutionalization or orphanage care; and
7. A child adopted from a foreign country may have other minor to significant medical needs in association with institutionalization such as malnutrition, rickets, scabies, lice, skin rashes, etc.

Concerning the timing of the adoption process:

1. It is in the best interest of a child to ensure he/she is placed into a permanent and loving home at the soonest possible time in his/her life; and
2. It is critical for adoptive parents to proceed expeditiously with completing the necessary adoption paperwork for a waiting child.