§ 372-d. Adoption services; purchase by department. 1. The department may provide, through purchase of services from authorized agencies, adoption services for any child who has been referred to the statewide adoption service pursuant to section three hundred seventy-two-c and who has not been placed for adoption within three months after the date of such referral.

2. As used in this section "adoption services" shall mean those services and activities set forth in subdivision one of section three hundred seventy-two-b of this chapter.

3. In accordance with regulations of the department, expenditures made by the department for the provision, through purchase, of adoption services for a child pursuant to this section shall be subject to reimbursement to the state by the social services district charged with the guardianship and custody of the child, as follows: fifty percent of the amount expended for the provision of such adoption services after first deducting from such amount any federal funds properly received or to be received on account thereof.