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Dear Ms. May-Chang:

Attorney General Warden asked me to respond to your e-mail inquiry.

The term "family" is not defined in one place for all purposes. While the term appears frequently in the Idaho Code, particularly in the statutes pertaining to probate, juvenile justice and child support, it is not specifically defined.

The one example of a definition that I was able to locate is of the term "immediate family" in the context of the statute which permits the Board of Corrections to furlough an inmate from the penitentiary for a period of time (such as to attend a funeral). In that case, "immediate family is defined as a mother or father, brothers, or sisters, of the whole or half blood, a wife or husband, or lawful issue." Idaho Code Section 20-101C.

I hope this information helpful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kriss Bivens Cloyd".

KRISS BIVENS CLOYD  
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