

ICAMA Form 7.02 (a)(b) (Proposed)

**State Comments
AAICAMA Responses**

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CALIFORNIA	Zero does not show or print if first in number string, problem especially with Social Security numbers.	Result: This is a formatting error; corrected
ILLINOIS, KENTUCKY	<p>Would like the top of the Form Letter to have heading that indicates this is ICAMA Form 7.02a.</p> <p>Would like the name of the 7.02b to be consistent—referred to by different names in letter and on 7.02b.</p>	<p>The 7.02a is designed to be printed on agency letterhead to save staff time; therefore the top of the Form letter be able to accommodate various agency letterheads.</p> <p>However, to address this request a line will be added above the Recipient’s Address to indicate this is the ICAMA Form 7.02a.</p> <p>Result: ‘ICAMA Form 7.02a’ to be placed above the recipient’s address</p> <p>Result: For consistency, the 7.02b will be renamed ‘Important Information for Families Moving to a New State’ and will be referred to as such in all subsequent AAICAMA materials.</p>
ILLINOIS, NEW HAMPSHIRE	I have a problem with ‘What you can do’ -- My families that move out of state will not receive this letter until they move. Four or five of the tips are things families should know before they move. Some families from Illinois do not let anyone know about the move until they try to use the Illinois card. Post adopt workers have been asked by me to have families fill prescriptions before the move, but families that move without telling me or the post adopt unit almost always run out of medicine.	<p>States all agree that this is a problem AAICAMA should address.</p> <p>Proposed additions to Important Information for Families Moving to a New State ‘What you should know’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each state has its own Medicaid program; a Medicaid card from one state should not be used to secure services in another state. • Notify your adoption worker if your child’s legal name changes after finalization or your child’s needs or family circumstances change (i.e., if adoption dissolves, family resources or your child’s medical condition change) <p>Result: AAICAMA to convene a Committee with the goal of expanding the reach of information about the administration of the ICAMA.</p>



Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance

ICAMA Proposed Form 7.02 (a)(b)—Response to State Comments—February 23, 2012

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	I very much like the 7.02b tip sheet for families. I am suggesting using this information sheet when conversations about adoption assistance are beginning to take place. For example, here in NH we provide all adoptive families with a folder filled with resource information prior to the adoption finalization. Social workers go through this folder with their families while preparing them for adoption. This would be a good place for that form so that families are aware ahead of time of what services are available to them should they move to another state.	
MARYLAND	In 7.02a (Agency Letterhead) substitute Adoption worker name for ICAMA Administrator Name.	Because this is an ICAMA form, it must be an ICAMA administrator who completes it. (In some states this may be the county adoption worker who is issuing the letter which is an administrative action under the ICAMA.) Result: No change can be made to the 7.02a
MARYLAND	In 7.02b (What you can do), 4 th *, add "IV-E" before "Guardianship" to reinforce that only IV-E eligible cases receive Medicaid across state lines (State-funded cases do not)	This is a good catch. Result: The 7.02b will be changed to say: 'Be sure you know if your child(ren) are eligible for title IV-E adoption assistance, state-funded adoption assistance or <u>title IV-E</u> Guardianship Assistance.'



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<p>MARYLAND</p>	<p>In 7.02a (Agency Letter) – reference is made to 30 days, whereas in other ICAMA materials, 45 days is referenced as the waiting period. I’d vote for 45 days) vs. 30 days.</p>	<p>‘30 days’ should be changed to ‘6 weeks’ to reflect the administrative processing time needed by Medicaid in some states. This does not reflect the number of days a state has to issue a Medicaid card as all title IV-E eligible children and state-funded Adoption Assistance eligible children (placed in COBRA-reciprocity states) have continuous eligibility for Medicaid no matter where they live. Rather it’s only to indicate the time families may have to wait for issuance of a physical Medicaid card before they should contact their AA state/ICAMA worker.</p> <p>Result: Language to be added:</p> <p>‘If you do not receive a Medicaid number or card before your child needs medical coverage in the new residence state, please contact this office.’</p> <p>‘If you do not hear from your new state within 6 weeks, please contact this office.’</p> <p>AAICAMA will address this issue through training at the annual conference (May 2012 in Orlando, Florida) and other venues. AAICAMA also proposes to add to the 7.02b information reinforcing the idea that all title IV-E eligible and state-funded Adoption Assistance eligible children (moving to or placed in COBRA-reciprocity states) have continuous eligibility for Medicaid receipt from the new state.</p>
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