



January 17, 2012

Designated ICAMA Compact and Deputy Compact Administrators

Dear ICAMA Administrator:

In recent years, ICAMA professionals have identified problems and/or confusion regarding the completion of ICAMA forms. To address these issues, an AAICAMA Forms Committee was convened to conduct a careful review of all ICAMA forms and to propose revisions to improve clarity, efficiency, usefulness and user-friendliness. In addition, information was added to help adoptive parents/guardians understand the impact of interstate moves on Medicaid receipt.

The purpose of the letter is to advise you of proposed changes in the administration of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) via its forms. Included in this mailing are:

- ◆ Statutory Imperative
- ◆ Redesign Process
- ◆ Review and Comment Timelines and Procedures
- ◆ Summary of changes to ICAMA forms 6.01, 6.02, 6.03

Statutory Imperative

The ICAMA was enabled by your state and is now state law. Under the ICAMA standard forms and procedures were developed with the goal of eliminating delays in the provision of post adoption services to eligible children who are placed in or move to a state that is not a signatory to their Adoption Assistance Agreement (AAA).

The ICAMA mandates ‘...the establishment and maintenance of suitable substantive guarantees and workable procedures for interstate cooperation...’ (Article I Paragraph d). However, ICAMA member states and jurisdictions (50) have indicated that the forms in current use (ICAMA 6.01, 6.02, and 6.03) no longer meet the standards set by the compact.

Redesign Process

State representatives participated in a re-design of the current forms (6.01, 6.02, and 6.03) over a six-month period in 2011. The redesigned forms (7.01, 7.02, and 7.03) were submitted to the Executive Committee of AAICAMA and were approved for submission to the entire membership for Review and Comment.

Review and Comment Timelines:

January 18, 2012	Initial letter sent to all ICAMA Compact and Deputy Compact Administrators
January 19, 2012	Begin Review and Comment period
January 26, 2012	Teleconference on proposed changes to ICAMA forms 6.01, 6.02, and 6.03
February 9, 2012	Responses to all Review and Comments received to date sent to states
February 23, 2012	Teleconference on proposed changes to ICAMA forms 6.01, 6.02, and 6.03 and Responses to all submitted Reviews and Comments received to date
February 27, 2012	FINAL date for Review and Comment submissions
February 29, 2012	Voting begins on proposed changes
March 8, 2012	Voting Closes



March 21, 2012	Final results mailed to ICAMA Compact and Deputy Compact Administrators and other stakeholders
April 18, 2012	Tentative Implementation date for approved changes

Review and Comment Procedure

Your state is invited to comment at any time during the Review and Comment Process. The closing date for Review and Comment is February 27, 2012.

To comment please go to: <http://aaicama.org> and click on 'Review and Comment-New Forms' to access the appropriate form or forms. The forms for Review and Comment are:

- General Comments
- Comment on the proposed changes to the 6.01
- Comment on the proposed changes to the 6.02
- Comment on the proposed changes to the 6.03

All comments will be addressed during the two all-state teleconferences. Responses will also be posted on AAICAMA's web site immediately following the teleconferences. States may also request written responses by e-mail any time after they are available.

Summary

Your state's careful attention to this process is critical to the effective administration of the ICAMA. Once the voting is complete all ICAMA member states will be required to use the 700 series forms to submit information to other states. They also can not accept any ICAMA forms other than the 700 series.

AAICAMA is confident that the proposed changes are good for the states and the children ICAMA professionals serve. If you need any additional information, please contact me at: bobby.j.miller@wv.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

ICAMA 6.01, 6.02, 6.03

Proposed ICAMA 7.01, 7.02, 7.03

Summaries of changes to ICAMA 6.01, 6.02, 6.03

Comparison ICAMA 600 series to ICAMA 700 series