



Summaries of changes to ICAMA 6.01, 6.02, 6.03

Summary of Changes to ICAMA Form 6.01

Purpose of the 6.01 is to: notify new state that a child with AAA is moving to their state, provide pertinent child eligibility information to new state, and to certify that eligibility

There are many changes to the 6.01 which fall into 3 categories:

- Substantive
- Inclusion of GAP (Guardianship Assistance Program)
- Formatting

Substantive Changes

- ♦ First line is now: Date Requested for Medicaid Opening.
This change allows ICAMA administrators to triage incoming forms easily and quickly.
- ♦ Basis of each child's eligibility for Medicaid is now in Section A.
This change puts all Child Identifying Information together.
- ♦ Race and Ethnicity of Adoptive parents/Guardians have been deleted.
This change removes unnecessary information.
- ♦ Date of Medicaid closure has been deleted.
This change removes unnecessary information.
- ♦ State policy on provision of Medicaid to children with state-funded AA has been deleted.
This change removes unnecessary information.
- ♦ Parent private insurance information has been deleted.
This change removes non-federally compliant information.

Inclusion of GAP

Many states have begun to use ICAMA administrators and ICAMA forms to transfer information for title IV-E eligible children who move interstate. Inclusion on the ICAMA forms allows for standardized procedures and seamless transfer of services.

Formatting

Formatting changes are not detailed here as they do not require approval by the membership at-large.

Summary of Changes to ICAMA Form 6.02

The purpose of the 6.02 is to notify family that their new state has been provided with all information needed to open a Medicaid case.

The 6.02 has been substantially changed. It is no longer a form, but a form letter which will be accompanied by the 7.02b which provides important information, "Tips for Families", to the adoptive parents or guardians.

Reasons for the changes are primarily threefold:

1. The purpose of the form is to inform parents of actions that have been taken on their behalf. The 6.02 seems to obscure this fact and has proven difficult for parents to understand. The primary point of misunderstanding is that receipt of the form requires no action on their part.



2. The 6.02 form required the ICAMA Administrator to complete information which is more efficiently provided in the form of a cover letter. Specifically, the ICAMA Administrator's address can be on the state agency letterhead and therefore does not have to be filled in. The family's current address will be in the addressee block of the letter (past address unnecessary). Child's Eligibility status is given (via check box) with key information vis-à-vis Medicaid.

3. Information provided in 'tips' for families (7.02b) is more direct and useful for parents of title IV-E & state-funded eligible children. The cover letter indicates their child's type of eligibility, title IV-E or state-funded.

GAP:

The language in paragraph 1 includes "...title IV-E adoption assistance/guardianship assistance..." State-funded Guardianship cases are not included as they do not include the interstate transfer of Medicaid.

Summary of Changes to ICAMA Form 6.03

The purpose of the ICAMA 6.03 is to provide a standard format for the Adoption Assistance state and the residence state to exchange information on: Medicaid case opening, closing, and extension past age 18, change in a family's address, and change in the adoption /guardianship status of a child.

There are many changes to the 6.03 which fall into 3 categories:

- Substantive
- Inclusion of GAP
- Formatting

Substantive Changes

- ♦ Section A: Reason for Reporting (line 1)
Effective Date for All Changes Indicated Below (line 2)

These changes allow ICAMA administrators to triage incoming forms easily and quickly.

- ♦ Section C: Confirmation Of Medicaid Case Opening/Closing

This change eliminates information not essential to the administration of the ICAMA.

- ♦ Section D: Medicaid Extension Beyond Age 18

This is a new section added in response to recent federal legislation. Before this change there was no standard way for states to communicate on behalf of children on this issue.

This change provides a clear process for the AA state to request extension of Medicaid past age 18, when the AA state determines that child's situation warrants an extension.

It also provides a clear process for the residence to advise the AA state of whether it will honor the request and if not, the reason.

GAP

- ♦ Section B: Child Identifying Information/Basis for Medicaid Eligibility
Title IV-E GAP has been added
Adoptive Parent information now reads: ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)
- ♦ Section F: Change In Adoption/Guardianship Status
ADOPTION DISSOLVED information now reads: ADOPTION/GUARDIANSHIP DISSOLVED

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