



## AAICAMA FAQs Series

### Medicaid and Title IV-E Adoption Assistance

**5. Question: Is it necessary for an adoption assistance maintenance payment to be made on behalf of a title IV-E adoption assistance eligible child in order for the child to receive Medicaid?**

**No**, it is not necessary for a child to receive a Title IV-E adoption assistance maintenance payment in order to receive Medicaid. The law only requires that an adoption assistance agreement be in effect under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, "whether or not adoption assistance is being provided".

Note: States have various names for an adoption assistance agreement with a maintenance payment of zero, e.g., 'deferred adoption assistance' and, 'Medicaid-only agreements'. This type of agreement allows the adoptive family an opportunity to activate assistance and/or add a maintenance payment after adoption finalization if there is a change in the needs of the child.

*Cite: 42 CFR 435.115 (e)(1) and 435.145; 42 U.S.C. §§673(b) and 1396a(10)(A)(i)(I).*

U.S.C. refers to the United States Code  
C.F.R. refers to the Code of Federal Regulations