



AAICAMA FAQs Series

Medicaid and Title IV-E Adoption Assistance

4. Question: Can an adoption assistance eligible child maintain more than one Medicaid card?

No, an individual should not maintain more than one Medicaid card at a time. Medicaid is received through a child's state of residence. An individual only has one legal residence at a time and only one state can claim federal reimbursement of a single Medicaid service. Therefore, a child is eligible for Medicaid in only one state at any one time and should have only one Medicaid card at a time.

Note: Every state has an automated Eligibility Verification System (EVS) that Medicaid providers may access to verify an individual's Medicaid eligibility status on a date specified by the provider. It is recommended that providers use EVS to verify a patient's Medicaid eligibility because it represents a recipient's most current eligibility status.

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Cite: 42 U.S.C. §§ 673(b)(1) and 1396a(10)(A)(i)(I); 42 C.F.R. §§ 435.145, 435.403(g).

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