



AAICAMA FAQs Series

Medicaid and Title IV-E Adoption Assistance

2. Question: Are title IV-E recipients eligible for Medicaid in all states?

Yes, all title IV-E recipients are eligible for Medicaid in all states.

Title IV-E is what is known as a Medicaid 'mandatory categorically needy' eligibility group. This means that they are part of an eligibility group that all states are *required* to cover under the state's Medicaid State Plan. All title IV-E eligible children are mandatory eligible for Medicaid, regardless of which state is responsible for providing the IV-E assistance and which state is the state of residence. Title IV-E eligible children remain eligible for Medicaid so long as a title IV-E adoption assistance agreement is in effect or maintenance payments are being made under title IV-E foster care, kinship guardian assistance or a guardianship demonstration waiver.

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Cite: 42 C.F.R. §§ 435.110, 435.115(e), 435.145, 435.403(g).

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C.F.R. refers to the Code of Federal Regulations