



AAICAMA FAQs Series

Medicaid and State-Funded Adoption Assistance

1. Question: Is Medicaid an automatic benefit of state-funded adoption assistance?

Answer: No, Medicaid is not an automatic benefit of state-funded adoption assistance. All states provide Medicaid to state-funded adoption assistance eligible children when the state is the adoption assistance state and the child resides in the adoption assistance state. However, if a child is placed for adoption outside the state with custody of the child or moves out of state after placement, they are not guaranteed to receive Medicaid in the new state of residence. Some states provide Medicaid to resident children who have an adoption assistance agreement with another state, but some states do not.

Note: Please see AAICAMA website at:

http://aaicama.org/cms/uploads/COBRA_Current.pdf

for AAICAMA's current listing of state policies regarding the interstate provision of Medicaid to state-funded adoption assistance eligible children.

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