12. Question: Is it possible for a title IV-E adoption assistance eligible child to receive Medicaid past the age of eighteen?

Yes, for children receiving title IV-E adoption assistance, Medicaid receipt is not considered separately from their adoption assistance eligibility. Adoption assistance eligibility is the basis for Medicaid eligibility for most title IV-E adoption assistance children.

The real question is, ‘Can a child receive title IV-E adoption assistance past the age of eighteen?’
And the answer is, ‘Yes, a child can receive title IV-E adoption assistance past the age of eighteen.’

It is the adoption assistance state’s option to continue adoption assistance past the age of eighteen. If the adoption assistance state determines that a child has a mental or physical handicap that warrants the continuation of assistance, the state can continue assistance up to the age of 21. Since children who are title IV-E adoption assistance eligible are also eligible for Medicaid, the Medicaid would also continue in the state in which the child lives.