



## AAICAMA FAQs Series

### Adoption Assistance Basic Information

#### 3. What does Title IV-E Adoption Assistance provide?

Answer: The title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program has several benefits.

- (a) One benefit is a monthly check, called an "adoption assistance maintenance payment", the amount of which will depend on the needs of the child, the circumstances of the family, and the state providing the assistance. Federal law directs that the level of payments reflect the unique needs of the child and may not be more than the amount the child would receive were the child in state foster care.
- (b) Another benefit of title IV-E adoption assistance is a categorical (automatic) eligibility for the Federal Medicaid program. The services received under Medicaid will depend on the child's state of residence, as states vary in optional medical services offered under their Medicaid State Plan.
- (c) An additional benefit is adoption support services which include respite, resource and referral, lending libraries, family counseling, and support groups and vary by state.

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