



AAICAMA FAQs Series

Adoption Assistance Basic Information

7. What are the eligibility criteria for State Adoption Assistance?

Answer: Each state establishes its own eligibility criteria for State Adoption Assistance. All state programs include the eligibility criterion that a child has special needs. However, how states define "special needs" varies. States are also free to include an income assessment of the adoptive family in determining eligibility for state-funded adoption assistance. Funding availability can vary year to year and individual states can make program benefit changes based on this availability.

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