



AAICAMA FAQs Series

Medicaid – General Information

1. Question: What is Medicaid?

Answer: Medicaid is a health service program. It is publicly supported health insurance and is available in all states, the District of Columbia and the Territories. Medicaid pays for medical assistance for eligible individuals and families with low incomes and limited resources. Medicaid is a Federal-state partnership, both financial and administrative. The program is implemented by the states and overseen by the federal government through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), an agency under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Medicaid provides medical care assistance to people who meet certain eligibility criteria and is the major source of funding for medical and health-related services for people with limited income in the United States.

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