



AAICAMA FAQs Series

Medicaid – General Information

5. Question: What is a 'Medicaid eligibility group'?

Answer: There are three broad Medicaid eligibility groups: 'categorically needy', 'medically needy', and 'special group'. Children eligible for title IV-E adoption assistance are in the 'categorically needy' group as defined by Medicaid. Title IV-E adoption assistance is the category and children receiving title IV-E adoption assistance are considered 'categorically eligible' for Medicaid. This means that receipt of Medicaid is automatic and continues as long as a child remains eligible for title IV-E adoption assistance, i.e. remains in the mandatory categorically needy Medicaid category of title IV-E. State-funded adoption assistance eligible children are in what is known as an 'optional categorically needy group'—their Medicaid is not automatic and not guaranteed in all states.

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