



AAICAMA FAQs Series

Medicaid – General Information

2. Question: Where can I get information on the Medicaid program?

Answer: ‘The’ Medicaid program is actually many programs. Every state, the District of Columbia and the territories have a Medicaid program and all states currently have a website dedicated to the state Medicaid program. There are similarities and differences across Medicaid programs. Check a state’s website or webpage dedicated to the state medical assistance program for specifics on a state’s Medicaid services and coverage or contact the state Medicaid agency directly.

The federal agency that oversees the Medicaid program, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), also has a website that provides extensive information on the Medicaid, Medicare, and State Children’s Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP). The CMS website is maintained by the federal government and contains information on a wide range of topics related to the Medicaid program in general and state-specific information found in State Medicaid Manuals. See links below to the CMS website.

Note: Medicaid is sometimes referred to by different names. There are state-specific names, such as Medi-Cal in California and TennCare in Tennessee. Regardless of the various names, the programs are still Medicaid and are governed by federal Medicaid law and regulations.

Web tip: Some state Medicaid programs are housed within the state’s social services agency, such as the Department of Family and Children’s Services or the Department of Human Resources. Other state Medicaid departments are separate from social services and are part of a state medical agency. Search with the word ‘Medicaid’ and the name of a state to link to the website or webpage dedicated to Medicaid information in your state.

CMS link: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/> (CMS homepage)

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