



AAICAMA FAQs Series

Medicaid – General Information

4. Question: What is a Medicaid State Plan?

Answer: Medicaid State Plans are a blueprint of the populations served and services available under a state’s Medicaid program. State Plans outline each state’s Medicaid coverage. Federal law and regulations provide a framework for state Medicaid programs and stipulate certain basic requirements that all states must have in their program. States must cover mandatory populations (eligibility groups) and can elect to cover optional populations. States must provide mandatory services and can elect to provide optional services. States must provide all services so that they are ‘sufficient in amount, duration, and scope to reasonably achieve (their) purpose’ and provide these services throughout the state.

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