IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

What you can do:

- Know how to contact the ICAMA office* or your worker in your adoption assistance/guardianship assistance state.
- Notify the ICAMA office* or your worker in your adoption assistance/guardianship assistance state as soon as you know you will be moving to a new state
- ★ Have a copy of your child's current Adoption Assistance/Guardianship Assistance Agreement.
- Know if your child is eligible for title IV-E adoption assistance, state-funded adoption assistance or title IV-E guardianship assistance.
- ★ Have all your child's prescriptions refilled before you move.

Ask about the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) service of the Medicaid in your new state if you are having difficulty getting needed medical services for your child. See:

- http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Benefits/Early-Periodic-Screening-Diagnosis-and-Treatment.html
 - http://mchb.hrsa.gov/epsdt/overview.html

What you should know:

- ★ The services offered under Medicaid are different in each state.
- ★ To provide Medicaid services to a child, the new state must open a Medicaid case for that child.

If your child is eligible for state-funded adoption assistance, and you move to Hawaii, Illinois, Nevada, or New Mexico, your child will not receive Medicaid under the adoption assistance program.

However, your child may be eligible for medical assistance in these 4 states under a different program such as:

- Children's Heath Insurance Plan (CHIP) http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Childrens-Health-Insurance-Program-CHIP/Childrens-Health-Insurance-Program-CHIP.html
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/ssi.htm
- States can open a Medicaid case and services can be provided <u>before</u> a Medicaid card has been issued. (i.e., in an emergency situation)
- If your child needs medical treatment or prescriptions before you receive a Medicaid card or confirmation that a Medicaid case has been opened in your new state, contact the ICAMA office* in your adoption assistance/guardianship assistance state for help.
- Annual re-determinations of eligibility for Medicaid are not required for children eligible for title IV-E Adoption

 Assistance/Guardianship Assistance. If you are asked to complete information for a redetermination of Medicaid eligibility contact the ICAMA office* or your worker in your residence state.
- ★ You may be contacted by the ICAMA administrator in your new residence state for additional information.
- * ICAMA Administrator contact list is available at: http://aaicama.org/cms/index.php/icama-contacts-by-state

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