

ICAMA

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Forms

The following forms are referenced in this file:

- [AD4320](#) Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) Agreement
 - ICAMA 7.0 Notice of Activation (State send to county when a child moves to San Diego from another state)
 - [ICAMA 7.01](#) Notice of Medicaid Application Eligibility/Case Activation (California)
 - [ICAMA 7.02](#) Notice to Families
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 - [ICAMA 7.5](#) Information Exchange
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Background

The Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) was established to safeguard and protect the interstate interests of children covered by an adoption assistance agreement when they move or are adopted across state lines.

ICAMA is an agreement between and among its member states that enables the states to coordinate the provision of medical benefits and services to children receiving AAP in interstate cases. ICAMA is law, and provides a framework for uniformity and consistency in administrative procedures when a child is adopted by a family from another state, or the adoptive family moves to another state.

When does ICAMA apply

ICAMA applies to children:

- who are initially placed interstate for adoption.
 - who move across state lines after their adoption is finalized.
 - who are in residential treatment in a state other than the adoption assistance state. (Some exceptions may apply.)
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Terms

Adoption Assistance Agreement: A written agreement between the adoptive parent(s) and the agency that identifies the financial assistance and/or services that will be provided to the adoptive parent(s) on behalf of their adopted child.

Adoption Assistance State aka Sending State: The state that signs the adoption assistance agreement regarding benefits to a particular child.

Resident State: The state in which the child currently lives. It is the state obligated to provide Medicaid.

NOTE: There are four states that do not offer reciprocity (offer Medicaid) for children receiving state-funded AAP from another state. The states are Hawaii, Illinois, Nevada and New Mexico.

Medicaid: The federal medical assistance program that pays for medical services that are reasonable and necessary to protect life and prevent significant disability or serious deterioration of health of needy and low-income people.

Medi-Cal: The name of California's Medicaid health care program that is supported by federal funds.

Required documentation

Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) Agreement: (In California- AD4320)

ICAMA 7.00 Notice of Activation: Directs the Resident state to open Medicaid when child is placed in or moves to a state outside the Sending state. Informs the Sending state that Medicaid case is open.

ICAMA 7.01- (California) Notice of Medicaid Application Eligibility/Case Activation: Notifies the Resident state that a child having signed an AAP agreement with a California agency has moved from California to that state and is eligible for Medicaid. This form provides information related to the child, their parent(s), eligibility, and current residence.

ICAMA 7.02- Notice to Families: Notifies the parent(s) that an application has been sent to their new Resident state on behalf of their child.

ICAMA 7.02b- Important Information for Families: Helps parents better understand the interstate process.

ICAMA 7.5- Information Exchange: Facilitates communication between the Adoption Assistance State and the Resident state about changes to the information in a previously opened case. This form may be completed by either the Adoption Assistance State or the new Resident state.

NOTE: These forms were formerly the ICAMA 6.0 series, and some states continue to use the 6.0 equivalent.

**ICAMA
responsibilities**

The Adoption Assistance state has the responsibility to:

- direct Resident state to open Medicaid when the child is placed in or moves to a state outside the Adoption Assistance state.
- extend eligibility for assistance past 18, if applicable.
- direct Resident state to close Medicaid if a child's eligibility ends.
- direct Resident state to close Medicaid if a child leaves the Residence state.
- notify Resident state of address or contact information change.
- notify Resident state of finalization of adoption.

The Resident state has the responsibility to inform the Adoption Assistance state the following:

- a Medicaid case is open.
- a Medicaid case has been or will be closed.
- an extension of Medicaid past age 18 had been approved or denied for state-funded AAP cases.
- the child has entered foster care.
- there has been a change in address or other contact information.
- an adoption has finalized.

SW responsibility

The SW must complete the ICAMA 7.01, 7.02 and 702b for any family who is residing outside of California at the time they sign an initial AAP Agreement and Adoption Placement Paperwork. This is typical when children have been placed out of state through an ICPC. The ICAMA 7.01, 7.02, and 7.02b must be turned in to the AAP PSS as part of a complete AAP packet.

The AAP PSS provides the forms to the AAP Legal Support Assistant who processes the forms and sends them to Sacramento and to the Resident state.

**AAP SW
responsibility**

When a family with an AAP Agreement that was originally signed in San Diego decides to relocate to a different state, they must contact their AAP SW to inform them of the move. The AAP SW will take the following steps:

If the family...	then the AAP SW...
moves to a new state from California,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completes the ICAMA 7.01, 7.02 and 7.02b.• Sends the paperwork to Sacramento and to the Resident state.
was already living in another state and moves within the same state,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sends the ICAMA 7.5 to Sacramento and the Resident state.
moves from one state (not California) to another state,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sends an ICAMA 7.5 to the old stat.• Completes the ICAMA 7.01, 7.02 and 7.02b.• Sends the paperwork to Sacramento and to the Resident state.
moves back to California	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sends the ICAMA 7.5 to Sacramento and the previous Resident State.

If a family who receives AAP benefits from another state moves to San Diego County:

- The Sending State sends the ICAMA 7.01 to Sacramento.
- Sacramento emails the San Diego liaisons (currently the AAP SPSW and AAP PSS), who send the documentation to the ICAMA HSS.

Out-of-state visits If a child is temporarily visiting out of state, their resident state remains the responsible party for administering the Medicaid benefits. There is no federal guidance on the number of days that constitute a temporary stay.

Alignment with SET This policy supports SET (Safety Enhanced Together) [Value 2](#)- and the guiding principle of having consistent communication and information sharing, as well as the agency practice to provide an ongoing assessment of needs and services for kinship and resource families.
