

**2852 – MEDICAID APPLICATION PROCESSING FOR OUT OF STATE
CHILDREN PLACED IN GEORGIA**

POLICY STATEMENT	Children from other states may be living in Georgia due to foster care placements from other states or adoptive parents moving to Georgia with children receiving adoption assistance.
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>The Medicaid determinations require special considerations not necessary for children receiving Georgia foster care or adoption assistance.</p> <p>The application for foster care Medicaid should come from the SSCM, and the application for adoption assistance Medicaid may come from social services or the adoptive parent(s).</p> <p>The adoptive or foster care family may apply for Medicaid through any County DFCS office. The application for foster care should be accepted then faxed to the Revenue Maximization Unit. The Adoption Assistance application should be faxed to Vickie Smith, Office of Adoptions, fax 404-651-7312, and phone 404-657-2104 or 404-651-6067.</p> <p>The SOP for these cases is the same as for Georgia children.</p>
PROCEDURES Authorizing Medicaid For Out-of-State IV-E FC Child Residing in Georgia	<p>Follow the steps below to authorize Medicaid for an out-of-state IV-E FC placed in Georgia when the SSCM initiates the request for Medicaid:</p> <p>Step 1 Obtain Forms 223 and 224 including the signature of the SSCM or foster parent.</p> <p>NOTE: A Form 297 or other Medicaid application form can be used to start the application process.</p> <p>Step 2 Establish IV-E FC eligibility by verifying the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child receives IV-E FC per diem from the state of origin. • The child is currently residing in Georgia in an approved foster care placement. Verify the date of the move. • The child is under age 18. The child's DOB on the Medicaid card of the out-of-state origin is sufficient verification. • Obtain the child's Social Security number. The statement of the SSCM, foster parent, or other reliable source is sufficient verification. <p>Step 3 Approve Medicaid and send the Medicaid card and notification to the foster parent. Send a copy of the notification to the SSCM.</p>

PROCEDURES

**Authorizing Medicaid
For Out-of-State
IV-E FC Child
Residing in Georgia
(Cont.)
Step 4**

Continue Medicaid until the child is no longer IV-E eligible, is no longer living in Georgia or until the SSCM requests case closure.

Step 5

Complete reviews of the child's eligibility for IV-E FC Medicaid in Georgia by completing Step 2 above.

NOTE: The IV-E determination and per diem payments remain the responsibility of the other state.

**Authorizing Medicaid
For an Out-of-State
CWFC Child
Placed in Georgia**

A CWFC child is ineligible for Georgia Medicaid under any COA. The child is considered a legal resident of the state that retains custody. The SSCM will assist the other state in locating Georgia providers who will accept the other state's Medicaid coverage.

**Authorizing Adoption
Assistance Medicaid
For Children from
Another State**

Under COBRA Reciprocity, Medicaid coverage for a IV-E or State Adoption Assistance child is available in the state in which the child resides.

The IV-E or State AA per diem payments remain the responsibility of the state of origin, but Medicaid coverage is the responsibility of the state of residence. Medicaid covered services for the AA child are based on the coverage available in the state of residence, not the state of origin.

**Request from
Adoptive Family at a
County DFCS Office**

Follow the steps below for an out of state AA child residing in Georgia when the request comes from the adoptive family at a county DFCS office.

Step 1

Do not register the application in SUCCESS.

Step 2

Verify that the child is a recipient of IV-E or State AA. Use the current certified copy of the approved adoption assistance agreement from the state of origin. Make a copy of the agreement for the Georgia file.

NOTE: The adoptive parents must be able to provide this agreement or other documents showing IV-E or State AA eligibility in the other state.

Step 3

Establish that the child is under age 21.

NOTE: The child's birth date on his previous state's Medicaid card is sufficient or the written statement from the other state as to the child's date of birth is acceptable

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**Request from
Adoptive Family at a
County DFCS Office
(cont.)**

- Step 4** Establish that the child resides in Georgia and document the date the child moved to Georgia.
- Step 5** Obtain the child's Social Security number.
- NOTE:** The information may be obtained from the parents or the state of origin.
- Step 6** The application and copies of all documentation are faxed to Vickie Smith, Office of Adoptions, fax number 404-651-7312. The Office of Adoptions will forward the application packet to the Revenue Maximization Intake Unit. This unit will determine RSM Medicaid eligibility within 24 hours.
- Step 7** The original application and documentation are mailed to the appropriate Revenue Maximization Regional Office. The Revenue Maximization MES will determine the appropriate Adoption Assistance Class of Assistance (IV-E or State).
- Include a notation for the Revenue Maximization MES of any existing or related cases or if the family applies for any assistance that would include the adoption assistance child.
- Step 8** The Revenue Maximization MES will send Office of Adoptions Form 403 to the following address:
- The Office of Adoptions
2 Peachtree Street, NW
8th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

PROCEDURES**(cont.)****Request from the
Office of Adoptions**

Follow the steps below to activate Medicaid for an out of state AA child residing in Georgia when the request comes from the Office of Adoptions.

The Office of Adoptions will send a memorandum with the subject "Request for Medicaid ID # for Out of State AA Child Residing in Georgia". The memorandum will include whether the child is receiving IV-E or State funded AA, the name of the other State and identifying information on the child and adoptive parents.

Determine Medicaid eligibility under the appropriate Adoption Assistance Class of Assistance (IV-E or State).

Complete the bottom portion of the memorandum from the Office of Adoptions and return to the address indicated in Step 6 above.

NOTE: Medicaid eligibility in Georgia begins the first month of Georgia residency, regardless of Medicaid status in the state of origin.

**Georgia Child
Moves Out of State**

When a child receiving IV-E or State Adoption Assistance from Georgia moves to another state, the child's Georgia Medicaid is terminated effective the month after the move. Medicaid for the child should be applied for in the other state.