

**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 or adoptive parents moving to Georgia with children receiving adoption assistance from other states.
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 the State Adoptions Unit or the adoptive parent(s).</p> <p>The adoptive family may apply for Medicaid through any County DFCS office. The Adoption Assistance Medicaid 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 procedures 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>The State Office ICPC unit establishes 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. <p>The required information for determining IV-E Foster Care Medicaid eligibility is entered into SHINES. The IV-E Foster Care Medicaid application is submitted to the appropriate Rev Max Regional Unit for a Medicaid eligibility determination.</p> <p>Continue Medicaid until the child is no longer IV-E eligible; has reached age 18; is no longer living in Georgia or until the SSCM requests case closure.</p> <p>Complete reviews of the child's eligibility for IV-E FC Medicaid in Georgia every six (6) months based on information from the sending state.</p> <p>NOTE: The IV-E determination and per diem payments remain the responsibility of the state with legal custody.</p>

**PROCEDURES
(cont.)****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 and will not meet the residency criteria for Georgia Medicaid. 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 any state that has signed the COBRA agreement. The RMS must verify that the paying state has signed the COBRA agreement through the State Adoption Unit.

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

The IV-E or State AA 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.

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

Do not register the application in SUCCESS.

Verify that the child is a recipient of IV-E or State Adoption Assistance. 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.

Establish that the child is under age 18 for IV-E Adoption Assistance and under 21 for state adoption assistance.

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.

Establish that the child resides in Georgia and document the date the child moved to Georgia.

Obtain the child's Social Security number.

NOTE: The information may be obtained from the parents or the state of origin.

The Medicaid application and copies of all documentation are faxed to Vickie Smith, State Adoption Unit (SAU), fax number 404.651.7312.

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

SAU has responsibility for establishing the case in SHINES and submitting a Medicaid application to the appropriate RevMax Regional Unit for any out of state Adoption Assistance child residing in Georgia.

RevMax will determine Medicaid eligibility and the appropriate Adoption Assistance Class of Assistance (IV-E or State) within 24 hours.

County DFCS should notify Revenue Maximization of any existing or related cases or if the family applies for any assistance that would include the adoption assistance child.

The RMS will notify SAU of the Medicaid determination.

**Request from the
Office of Adoptions**

Follow the procedures below to activate Medicaid for an out of state AA child residing in Georgia when the request comes from the State Adoption Unit (SAU).

SAU will send a SHINES Medicaid application to the appropriate Rev Max Regional Unit requesting a Medicaid determination for an out of state AA Child residing in Georgia. The SHINES Medicaid application 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).

A Rev Max Specialist will complete the SHINES funding summary as notification of the Medicaid determination and complete the application in SUCCESS.

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

**Adoption
Assistance Medicaid
For a GA. Child
Residing in
Another 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.

**Guardianship Assistance
Program (GAP)**

A child receiving IV-E GAP assistance payments is categorically eligible for Medicaid in the child's State of residence regardless of whether the State of residence covers the Guardianship Assistance Program under its IV-E State plan.

The SHINES Medicaid application will be submitted by the State Adoption Unit with copies of all documentation forwarded to the appropriate RevMax Regional Unit. Processing follows ICAMA IV-E Adoption Assistance processing in SHINES and SUCCESS and documented as Guardianship Assistance Program.