



State of South Carolina

Department of Social Services

Child Welfare Policies and Procedures: Chapter 7

Subject:	Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance - ICAMA
Authority:	S.C. Code Sections 63-9-2000 through 63-9-2050; S.C. Code of Regulations 114-4380; Federal Citation for ICAMA 42 USC 1396(a)
Standards:	South Carolina Practice Model: Guiding Principles and Standards (GPS)
Application:	Regional Adoption Staff & State Office Adoption Staff
Purpose:	
To prevent or eliminate geographic barriers that may delay or deny the provision of medical assistance and post-adoption services to families who have adopted children with special needs.	
Policy Statement:	
To promote and sustain medical insurance for children who have been adopted whose families are moving out of South Carolina or adoptive families moving into South Carolina.	
Definitions:	
Adoption: The judicial act of creating the relationship of parent and child where it did not exist previously. Blue Iron: The national database for all ICAMA cases to be entered into when an adoptive family moves across state lines in order for Medicaid to be opened in the new state of residence—the only two states who do not use the database are New York and California. Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA): The Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) was established in 1986 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 them to coordinate the provision of medical benefits and services to children receiving adoption assistance in interstate cases. Medicaid: A federal system of health insurance for those requiring financial assistance.	
Procedures:	
A. South Carolina as	1. The adoptive family contacts an adoption specialist in the Regional Adoption Office or the Program Coordinator in the State Office Adoptions to inform the specialist or the

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the Sending State	coordinator that the adoptive family is relocating out of state and needs to have the child's Medicaid transferred to the new state. - The adoptive family will provide the following information: - Child's names (both biological and adoptive) - Date of birth - Sex - Race - Social security number - Adoptive parents name - Address and - Telephone number - State Office adoptions program coordinator will obtain DSS Form 3052: Adoption Subsidy Agreement (ASA). - State Office Adoptions program coordinator enters all received information into the Blue Iron national database to create the 7.0 and will attach the ASA. Once all information is submitted and accepted in Blue Iron, it will be transmitted to the receiving state.
B. South Carolina is the Receiving State	- The Regional Adoption Office adoption specialist informs State Office Adoptions Program Coordinator when the Adoption Subsidy Agreements are signed. The pre-placement paperwork will not qualify to open ICAMA, there must be an Adoption Subsidy Agreement. - Once the Adoption Subsidy Agreement has been signed, the regional adoption specialist supplies the: - Child's name - Date of birth - Sex - Race - Social security number - Adoptive parents name - Address - Telephone number - Regional Adoption Worker will provide a copy of DSS Form 3052: Adoption Subsidy Agreement to State Office Adoption Program Coordinator.

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	4. If a child is coming into South Carolina, the State Office Adoption program coordinator will pull information off of the national database (Blue Iron) and fax the 7.0, 7.5 and adoption agreement to South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) for processing. It takes the state approximately two weeks to issue new Medicaid cards.
Forms:	ICAMA forms for open and closure are national database forms in the national Blue Iron System DSS Form 3052: The Adoption Subsidy Agreement
Resources:	<u>AAICAMA Website: https://aaicama.org/cms/</u>
Related Management Reports:	NA

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