

State Only AAP Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is State Only AAP?

State Only AAP benefits are financed with California state funds which includes California funded Medi-Cal benefits. The State Only AAP benefits are not supplemented by federal funding which may affect your child's medical coverage if they live outside the state of California.

2. How does State Only AAP affect my family?

If your adopted child receives State Only AAP benefits from California and you live in or move to another state, your adopted child may or may not be able to receive Medicaid coverage from that state; it will depend on that state having reciprocity with California. Reciprocity, in this context, means the other state would honor your adopted child's Medicaid eligibility and that your child's Medi-Cal would be switched to the other state's Medicaid system. Please note that the scope of coverage in that state may be different than what is covered by Medi-Cal in California. Not all states have reciprocity with California. If you live in or move to a state that does not have reciprocity, your adopted child will not qualify for Medicaid in that state on the basis of the child's State Only AAP eligibility. You may continue to keep your child's Medi-Cal benefits, but it will be your responsibility to identify a provider in your state of residence who is a Medi-Cal provider, or is willing to become a Medi-Cal provider.

3. How do I know which states have Medicaid reciprocity with California?

Most states have Medicaid reciprocity with California. To find out if a state has Medicaid reciprocity with California under the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA), you may visit the website for the Association of Administrators for the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance <http://www.aaicama.org> or call 916 651-8100.

4. If my adopted child has State Only AAP and our family moves to a state that does not have reciprocity with California, will my child receive Medicaid from our state of residence?

No, but there may be other options for your child. You will need to contact the state's Medicaid system to inquire about that state's specific eligibility and application process.

5. What if I have more questions?

If you have further questions, you may contact the Post Adoption Services Unit/Department of the responsible public agency stated on the AAP Agreement (AD 4320).