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CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS AND
CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: INTERSTATE COMPACT ON ADOPTION AND MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE (ICAMA)

DISCUSSION:

This memorandum is to inform staff that Section 4, Chapter 25 of the Child Welfare Manual (CWM), regarding the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA), has been updated to reflect current information and practice. If an interstate placement is for adoptive purposes, the appropriate Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) forms *must* be completed prior to finalization of the adoption. However, federal Medicaid through ICAMA *will not* be opened until finalization of the adoption has occurred.

Section 4 Chapter 30, Attachment B is now entitled Interstate Medicaid Guidelines. It used to contain a variety of Medicaid information relating to ICPC, Adoptions and ICAMA. This attachment now only contains information relating to ICPC and ICAMA Medicaid issues. The information regarding Adoptions will be incorporated into Section 4 Chapter 30 of the CWM.

RESOURCE TOOL

The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (AAICAMA) developed ICAMA guidelines for Adoption Workers. Staff can link to the attachment at the end of this memo to print a copy. Staff will also be able to access this checklist on the Department of Social Services' website by clicking on the Adoption page.

NECESSARY ACTIONS:

1. Please review this memorandum with all Children's Division Staff.
2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS:

Section 4 Chapter 25 [Interstate Placements](#)
Section 4 Chapter 30 Attachment B: [Interstate Medicaid Guidelines](#) (renamed)

RELATED STATUTE:

[453.500-453.503](#) Adoption and Foster Care
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ATTACHMENT

- [ICAMA GUIDELINES FOR ADOPTION WORKERS](#)