

County/State Subsidized Guardianship and Out-of-State Medicaid: Guidance for Child Welfare Professionals

Quick Reference

Send an email DCFDSPWIICAMA@wisconsin.gov with the Subsidized Guardianship (SG) case ID(s) whenever any of the following occurs:

- You open a new SG case with an out-of-state address
- You update the provider address across state lines, including
 - A child moving outside Wisconsin for the first time (e.g., from Wisconsin to Illinois)
 - A child moving within a state other than Wisconsin (e.g., Chicago, IL to Springfield, IL)
 - A child moving between two other states (e.g., from Illinois to Iowa)
 - A child moving back to Wisconsin from another state (e.g., from Iowa to Wisconsin)
- You suspend, terminate, or extend a SG past age 18

Background

When a Subsidized Guardianship (SG) recipient moves outside of Wisconsin, they may or may not be eligible to receive Medicaid (MA) in their new state of residence. This depends on their Title IV-E eligibility.

→ **If a child is Title IV-E eligible**, they are eligible to receive straight MA in all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico.

For these children, Wisconsin MA will be cancelled and a referral will be sent to their new state of residence through the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) system. Families may instead choose to keep the child's Wisconsin MA open by writing an email request to DCFDSPWIICAMA@wisconsin.gov. A child may not have MA open in two states at once but can have MA open in one state as well as private insurance.

→ **If a child is not Title IV-E eligible**, they will only receive MA in states that have made the choice to provide MA to non-IV-E eligible youth. As of August 2023, the states that **will** provide MA include:

California	Louisiana	New Jersey	Vermont
Connecticut	Massachusetts	Oklahoma	Washington D.C.
Georgia	Michigan	Oregon	Wisconsin
Idaho	Missouri	Texas	Wyoming

For non-IV-E children moving to one of the states included on this list, Wisconsin MA will be cancelled and a referral will be sent to their new state of residence through the ICAMA system. Families may instead choose to keep Wisconsin MA open by writing an email request to DCFDSPWIICAMA@wisconsin.gov. A child may not have MA open in two states at once, but can have MA open in one state as well as private insurance.

For non-IV-E children moving to a state **not** included on this list, families will have two options:

1. Leave Wisconsin MA open. They may not apply for any sort of MA (including income-based MA) in the new state if they choose to leave Wisconsin MA open. They may still enroll in private insurance. They may travel back to WI to receive medical care or may try to locate providers in their new state of residence that accept Wisconsin MA. This is a common choice for families living in Illinois and Minnesota.
2. Close Wisconsin MA. The family is then free to apply for another type of MA in the new state of residence instead. They may still enroll in private insurance.

Both options should be explained to the family prior to the move or placement outside of Wisconsin whenever possible. They should also be informed that they can change their mind at any time.

Child Welfare Professional Responsibilities

The following tasks should be completed by the county or state child welfare professional assigned to the subsidized guardianship case whenever the case involves a child who currently lives or is moving outside of Wisconsin.

Determining Title IV-E Eligibility

It is your responsibility to help families know what to expect when they move out of state and to ensure that children are receiving MA in the appropriate state. To provide accurate information, you must know whether the subsidized guardianship recipient is Title IV-E eligible. You can check this in eWISACWIS by opening the Subsidized Guardianship Funding Determination under the eligibility tab.

The Eligibility Status is listed near the top of the page. The appropriate button will be filled in to indicate the current status:

Eligibility Status:

Federal State Pending

Opening a New SG Case for a Child Already Residing Outside Wisconsin

Any time you open a new SG case with a provider address outside the state of Wisconsin, you must send an email to DCFDSPIICAMA@wisconsin.gov with the new case ID.

- If the child is Title IV-E eligible or not Title IV-E eligible but living in one of the states listed previously, the Wisconsin ICAMA Compact Administrator will cancel Wisconsin MA and send an ICAMA referral to the state in which the child is residing.
 - If the family wishes to continue the child's Wisconsin MA instead, they must send this request in writing to DCFDSPIICAMA@wisconsin.gov.
- If the child is not Title IV-E eligible and now residing in a state that will **not** provide MA, the ICAMA Compact Administrator will ask for your help determining which of the options listed previously the family prefers. The chosen option should be documented in a case note in the child's SG case.

Entering an Address Change Outside Wisconsin

Any time you update a SG recipients' address across state lines, send an email to DCFDSPIICAMA@wisconsin.gov with the case ID. This includes:

- A child moving outside Wisconsin for the first time (e.g., from Wisconsin to Illinois)
- A child moving within a state other than Wisconsin (e.g., Chicago, IL to Springfield, IL)
- A child moving between two other states (e.g., from Illinois to Iowa)
- A child moving back to Wisconsin from another state (e.g., from Iowa to Wisconsin)

The Wisconsin ICAMA Compact Administrator will coordinate the child's MA coverage with the other state(s). If the child is not Title IV-E eligible and now residing in a state that will **not** provide MA, the ICAMA Compact Administrator will ask for your help determining which of the options listed previously the family prefers. The chosen option should be documented in a case note in the child's SG case.

Extending, Suspending, and Terminating Subsidized Guardianship for a Child Residing Outside Wisconsin

Any time you suspend, terminate, or extend a SG past age 18 for a child residing outside Wisconsin, you must send an email to DCFDSPIICAMA@wisconsin.gov with the case ID. The Wisconsin ICAMA Compact Administrator will coordinate the child's extended or terminated Medicaid coverage with the other state(s).

Questions?

Reach out to DCFDSPIICAMA@wisconsin.gov with any questions, and feel free to provide this email to families as well.

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