

FAA6.I Consolidate Omnibus Reconciliation Act (COBR)

01 Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act-Overview

[For MA after 2013](#)
[See the EPM](#)

The Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act (C.O.B.R.A.) of 1985 affects the way MA is provided to eligible Title IV-E children. COBR allows Department of Child Safety (DCS) staff to authorize MA for C.O.B.R.A. eligible children.

WARNING

Access to COBR is limited only to DCS staff.

NOTE C.O.B.R.A. cases have only ONE participant.

C.O.B.R.A children are automatically eligible for MA coverage in their state of residence. DCS is responsible for authorizing and stopping MA for these children.

Children eligible for C.O.B.R.A. are children who meet one of the following requirements:

- Determined Title IV-E ([Foster Care Payment](#) and [Adoption Subsidy](#)) eligible in another state and currently reside in Arizona.
- Determined Title IV-E eligible by DCS in Arizona and subsequently move to another state.

DCS is responsible for the following:

- Obtaining the application
- Creating their own case file
- Authorizing MA benefits
- Stopping MA benefits

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DCS uses the following screens to register and determine eligibility for a new C.O.B.R.A. application:

- CLIR
- REAP
- ADDR
- COBR
- HEIC

Send inquiries regarding C.O.B.R.A. to the DCS Eligibility and Payments Supervisor. (See [DCS Eligibility & Payments](#))

WARNING

Due to confidentiality laws involving [adoption](#) and [foster care](#), DCS cannot share their case files with FAA. FAA must share INFORMATION regarding eligibility with DCS, but staff must NOT send FAA case files to DCS.