

The CCDF Policies Database

New Data on Cross-State
Variations in Child Care Subsidy
Policies

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This Presentation

1. Key facts about CCDF
2. Description of the CCDF Policies Database
3. Uses of the Database
4. Some findings on cross-state variations
5. How to access the data
6. Upcoming data releases

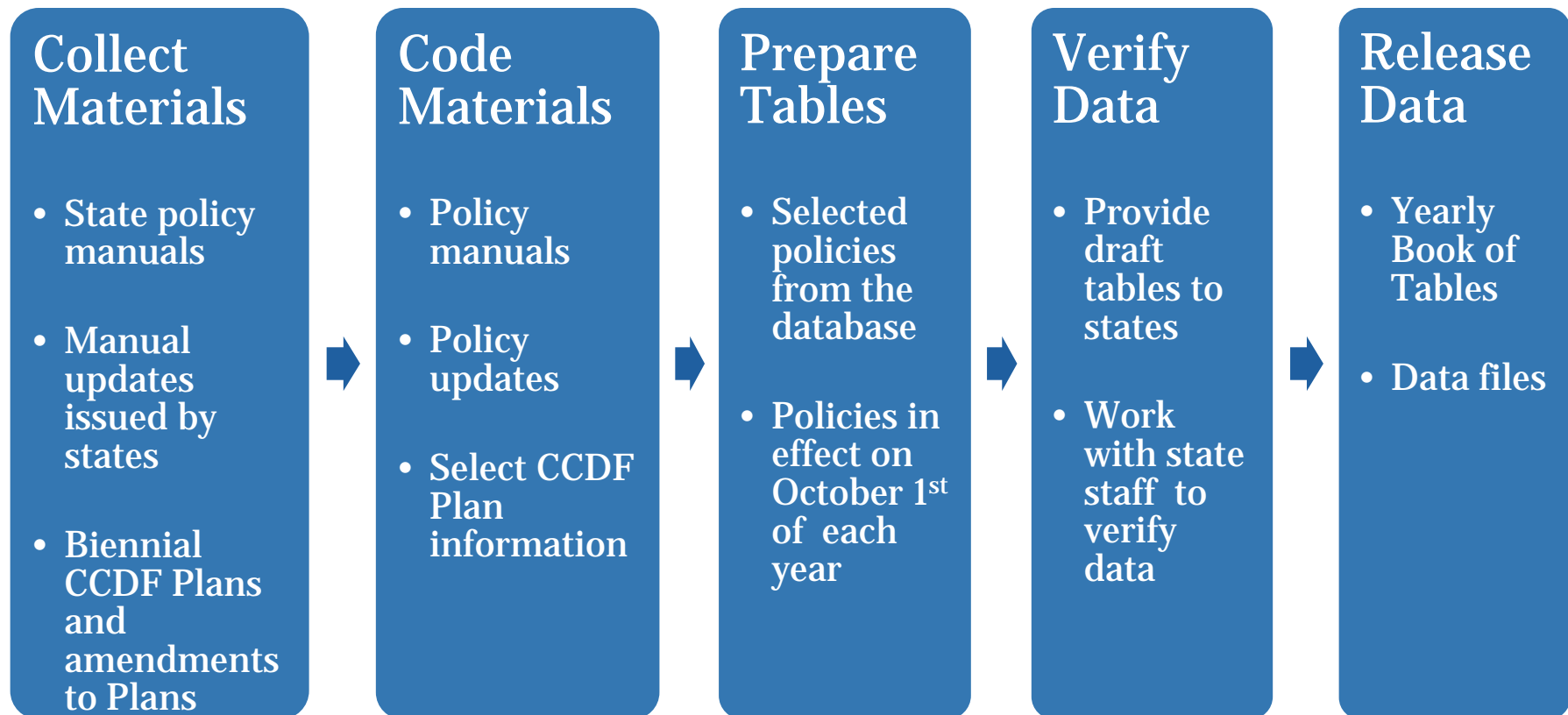
What is CCDF?

- Child Care and Development Fund
- Federal funding for child care subsidies for lower-income families
- 1.7 million children had CCDF-subsidized child care in the average month of FY 2009
- Federal legislation provides the framework
- Each state / territory establishes specific policies

The CCDF Policies Database Project

- Detailed information on CCDF policies
- Information on all 50 states, D.C., territories and outlying areas
- Captures changes across time
- Captures key within-state variation
- Data collected mainly from states' policy manuals
- Very similar process to the Welfare Rules Database (WRD), an ACF-funded database of TANF policies

CCDF Policies Database Process



Information in the Database

- Eligibility requirements
- Application and reporting information
- Priority and waiting list policies
- Copayments
- Reimbursement rates and provider policies

Uses of the Database

- Descriptive analysis, using the Database information alone
- Analysis combining the Database information with other datasets or tools

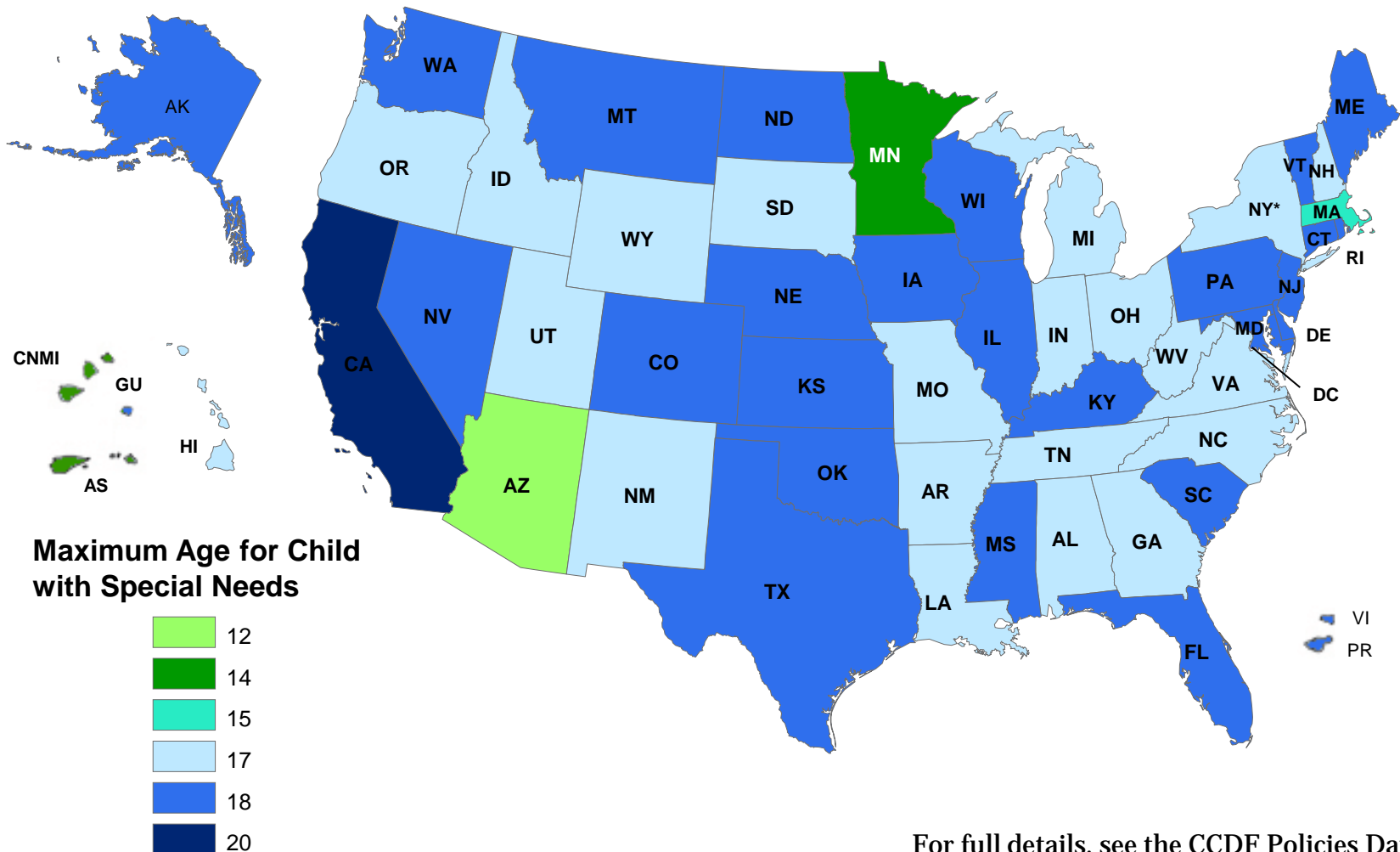
Descriptive Uses

- One state at one point in time
- Changes across time
- Cross-state comparisons

Examples....

Age Requirement for Children with Special Needs

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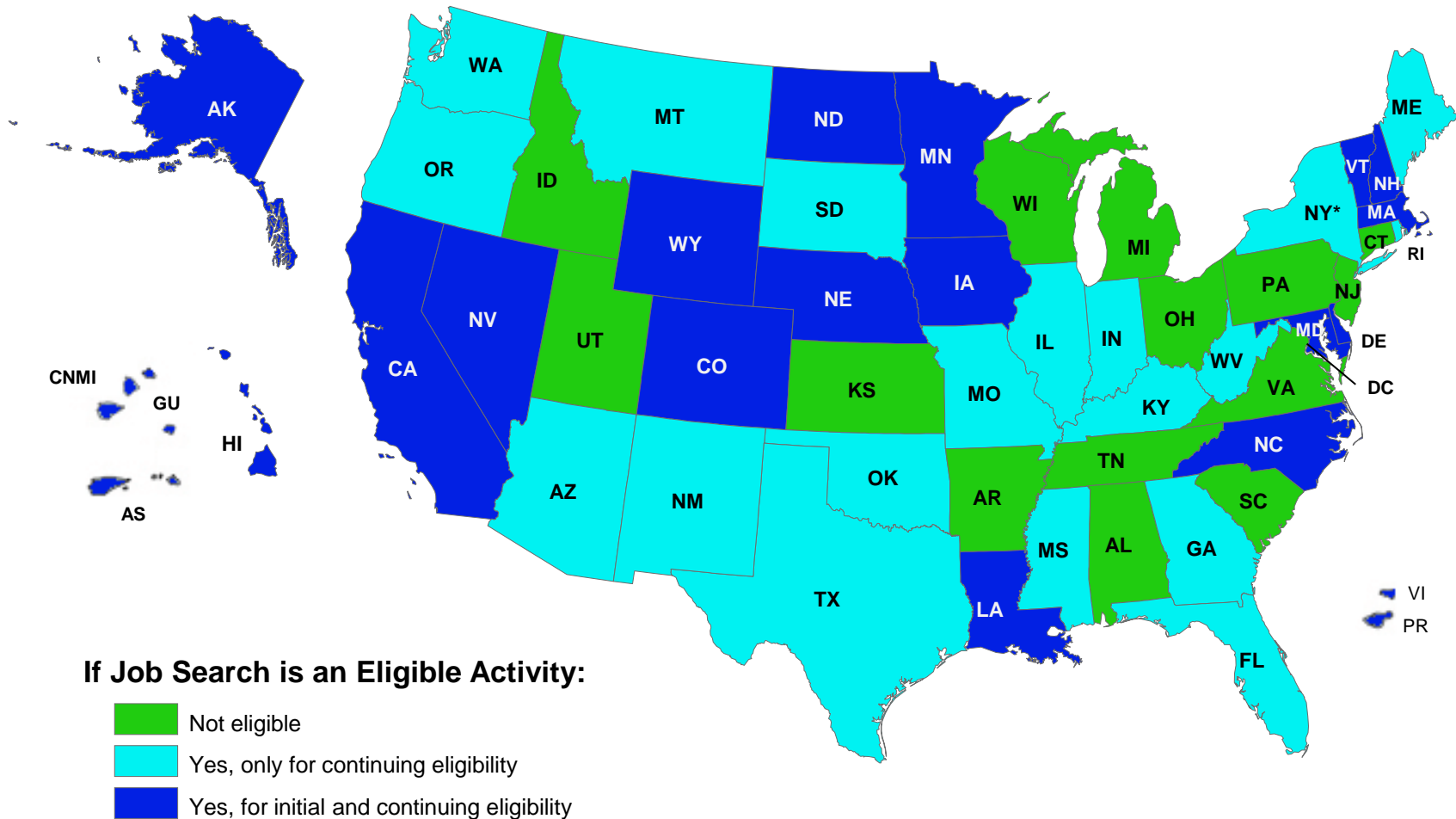


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Eligible Activities: Job Search

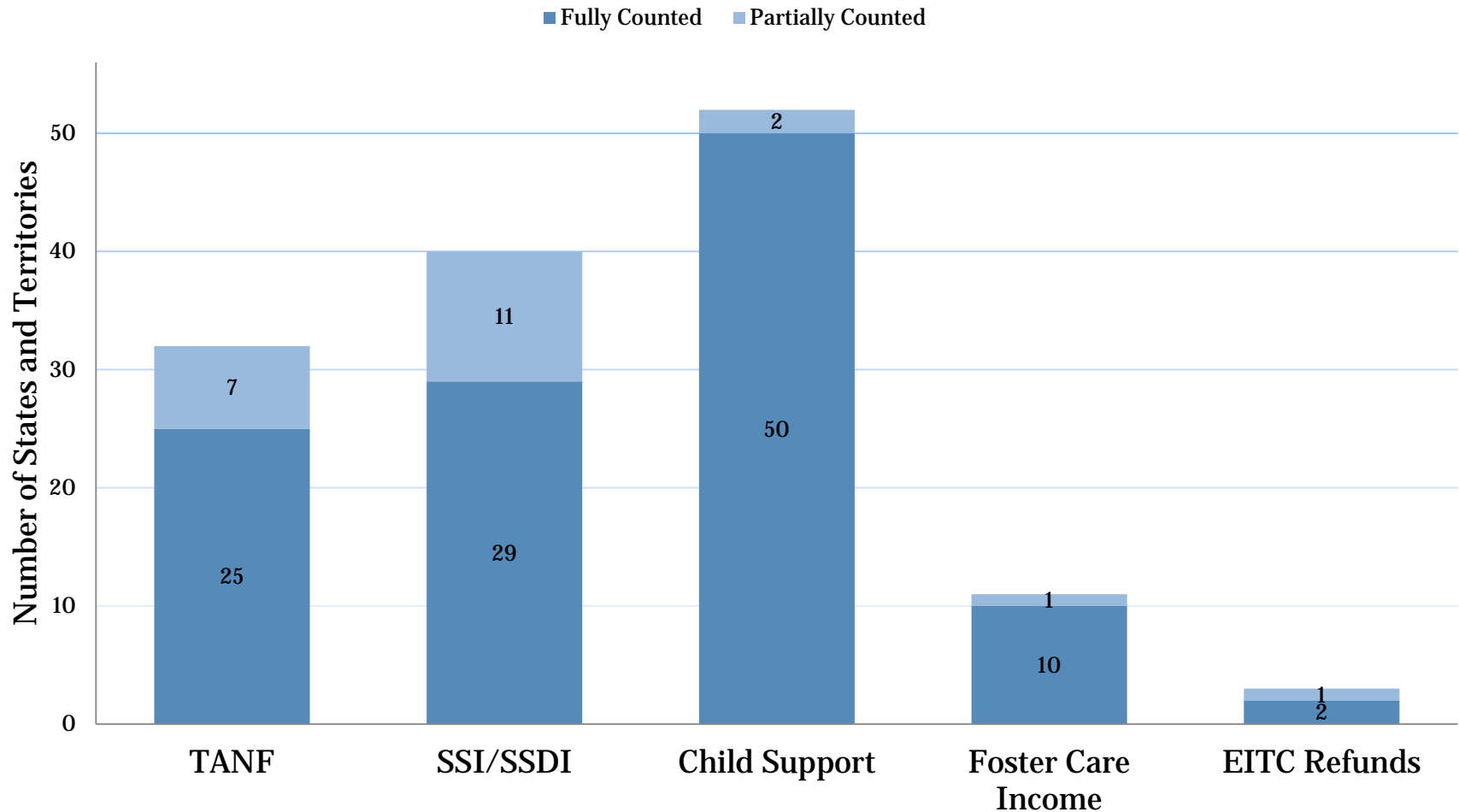
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If Different Types of Income are Counted

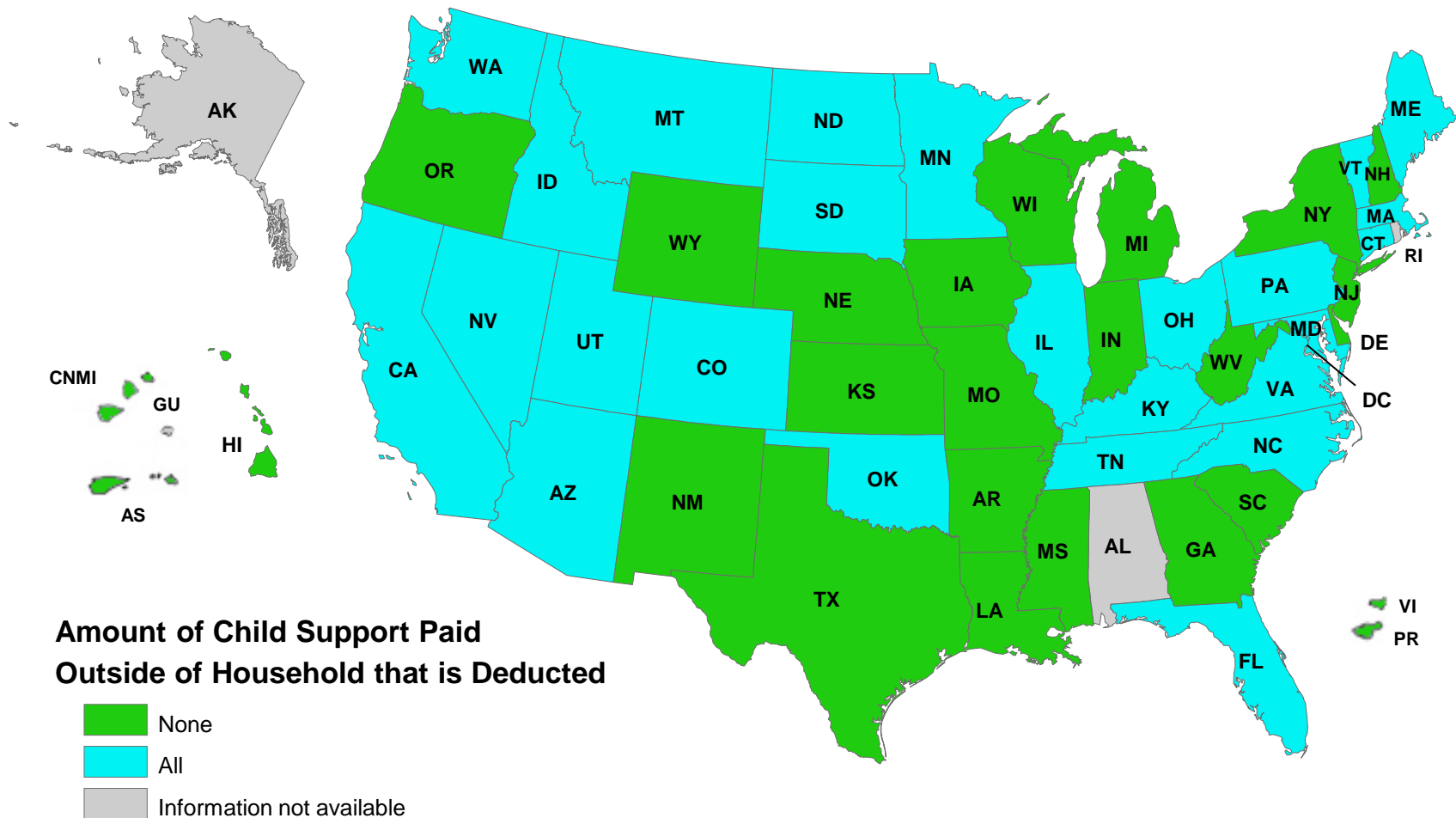
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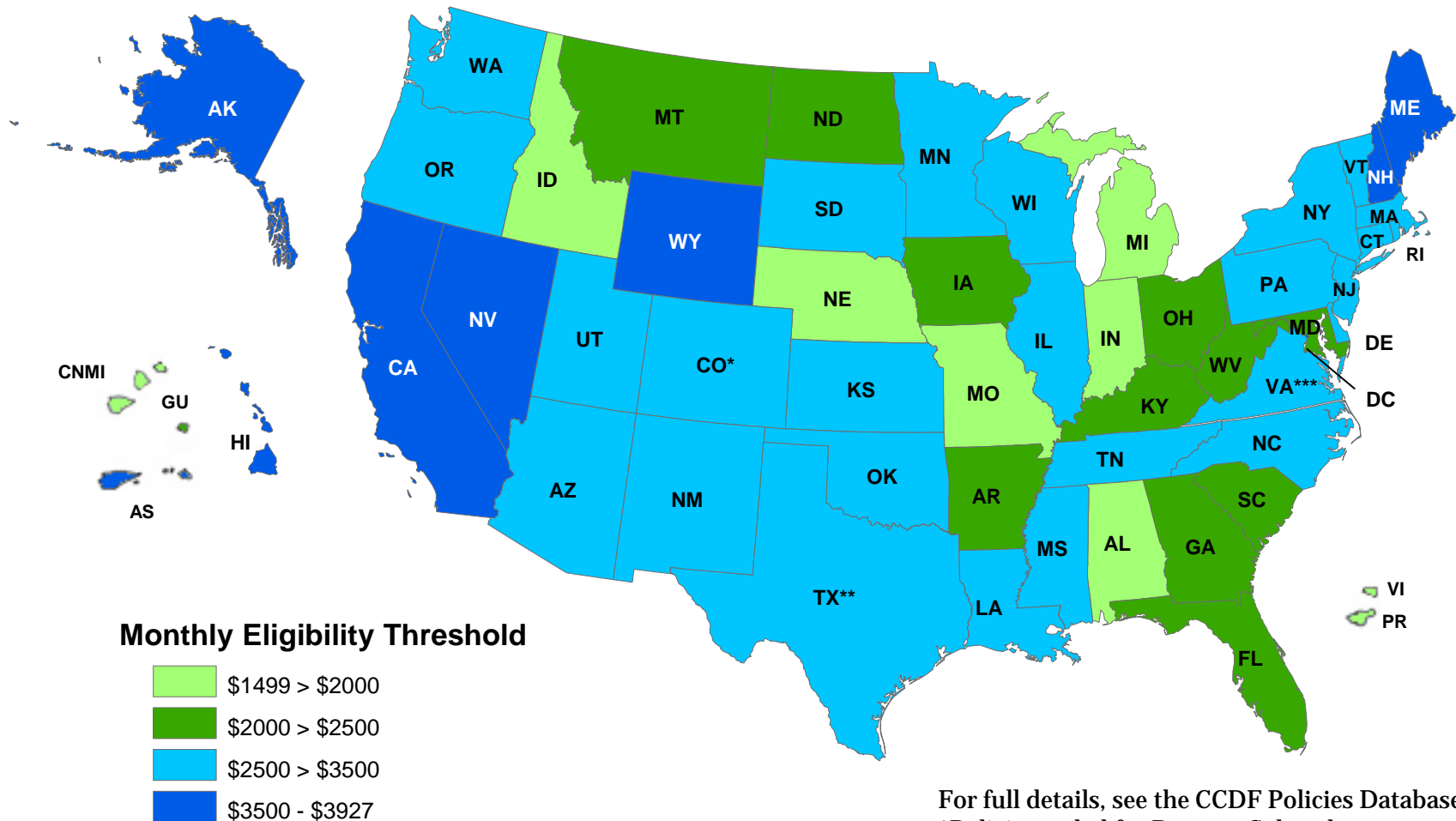
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Initial Eligibility Thresholds for a Three Person Family

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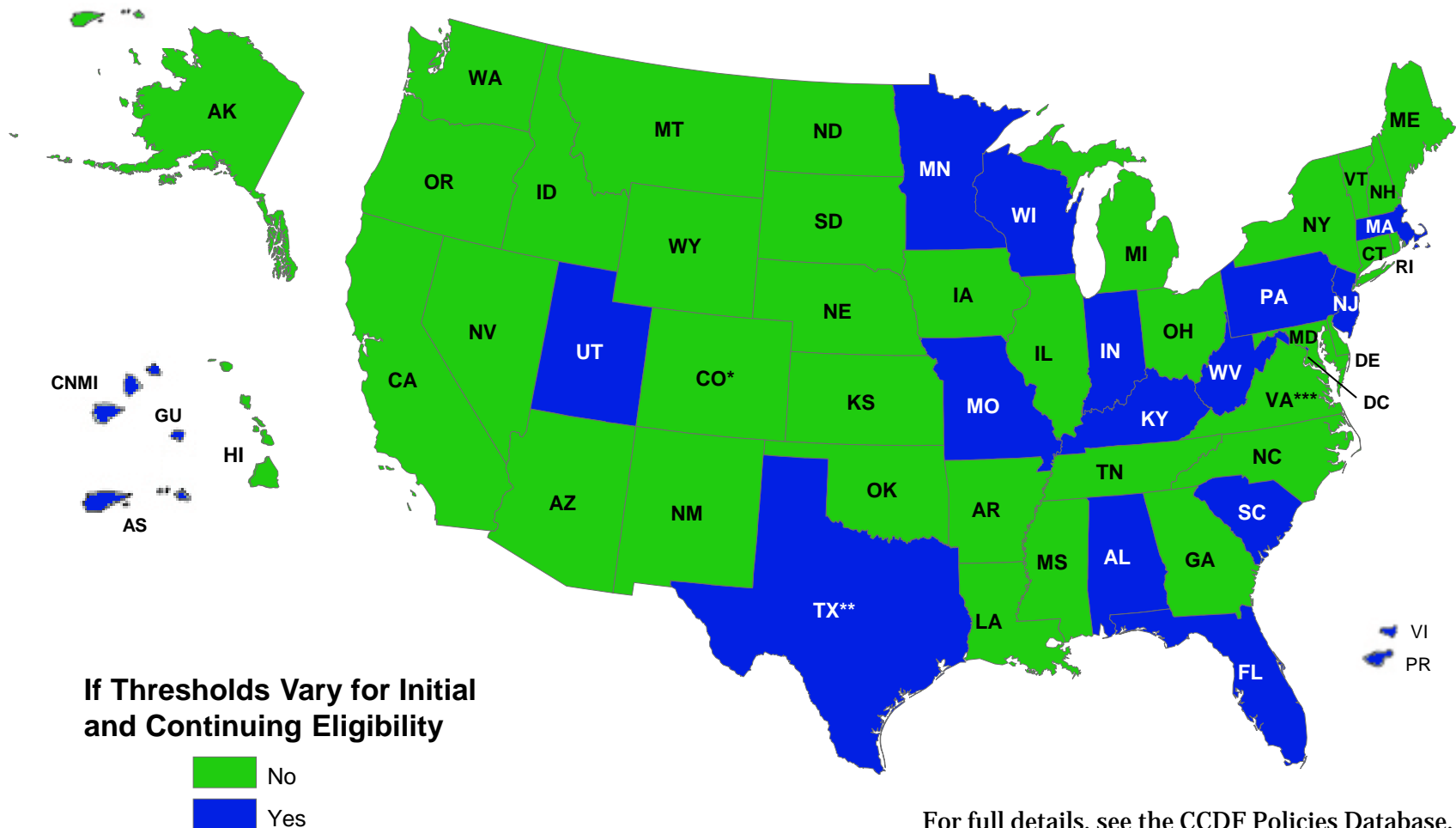
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Continuing Eligibility Thresholds

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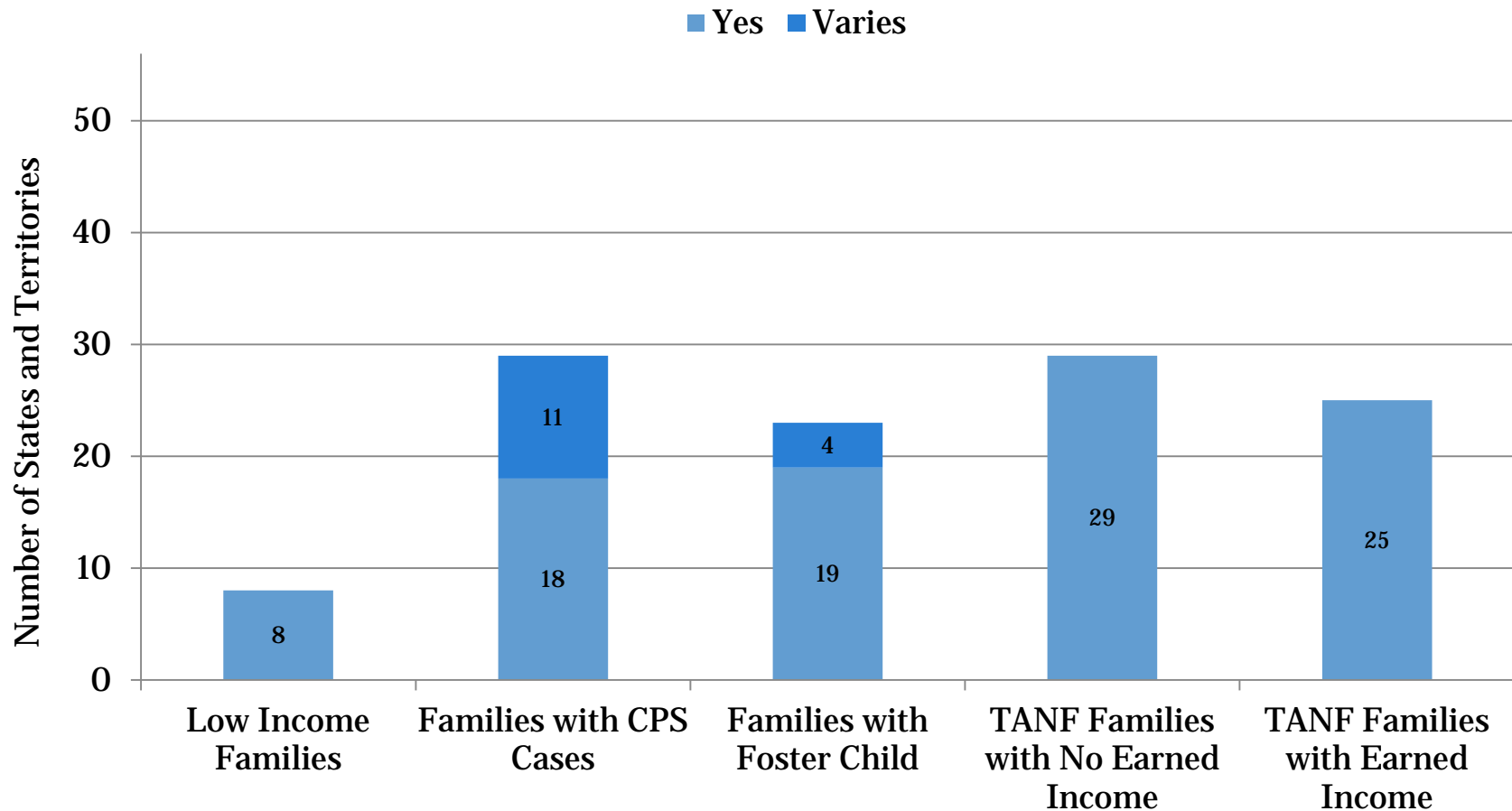
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If Families Are Exempt from Copayments

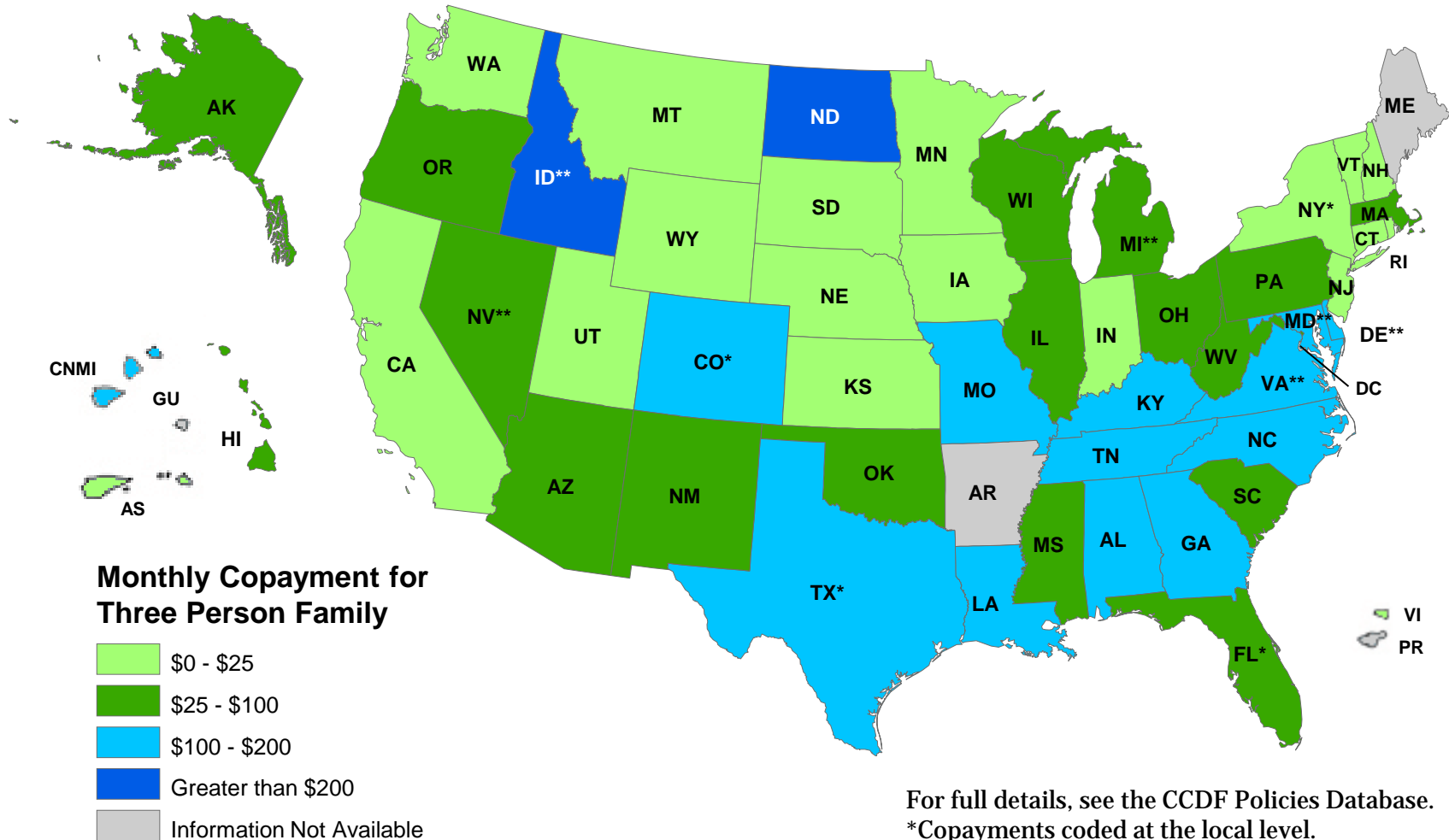
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\$15,000 in Annual Earnings

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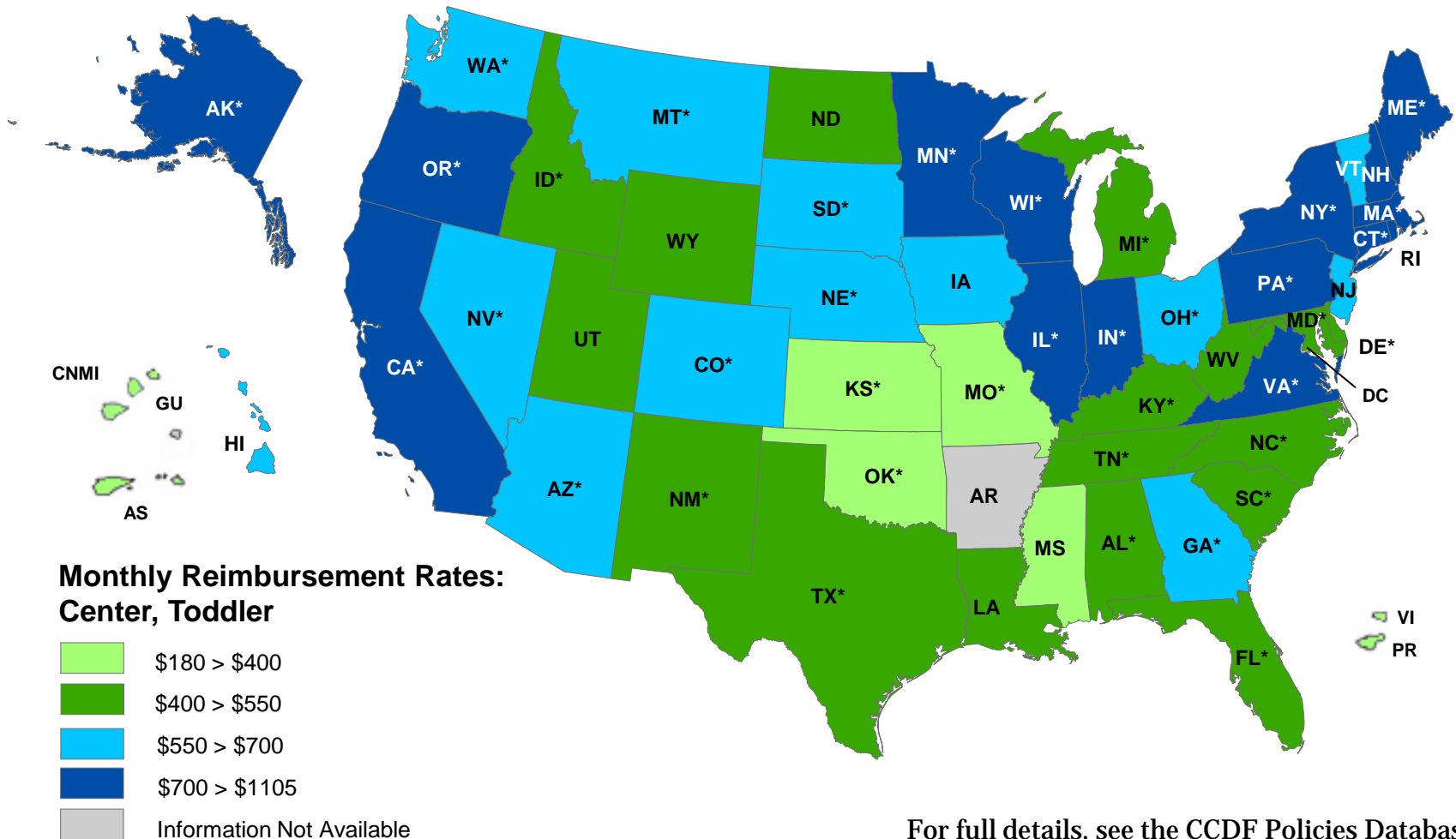
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**Copayments based on local level reimbursement rates.

Center Maximum Reimbursement Rates for Toddlers

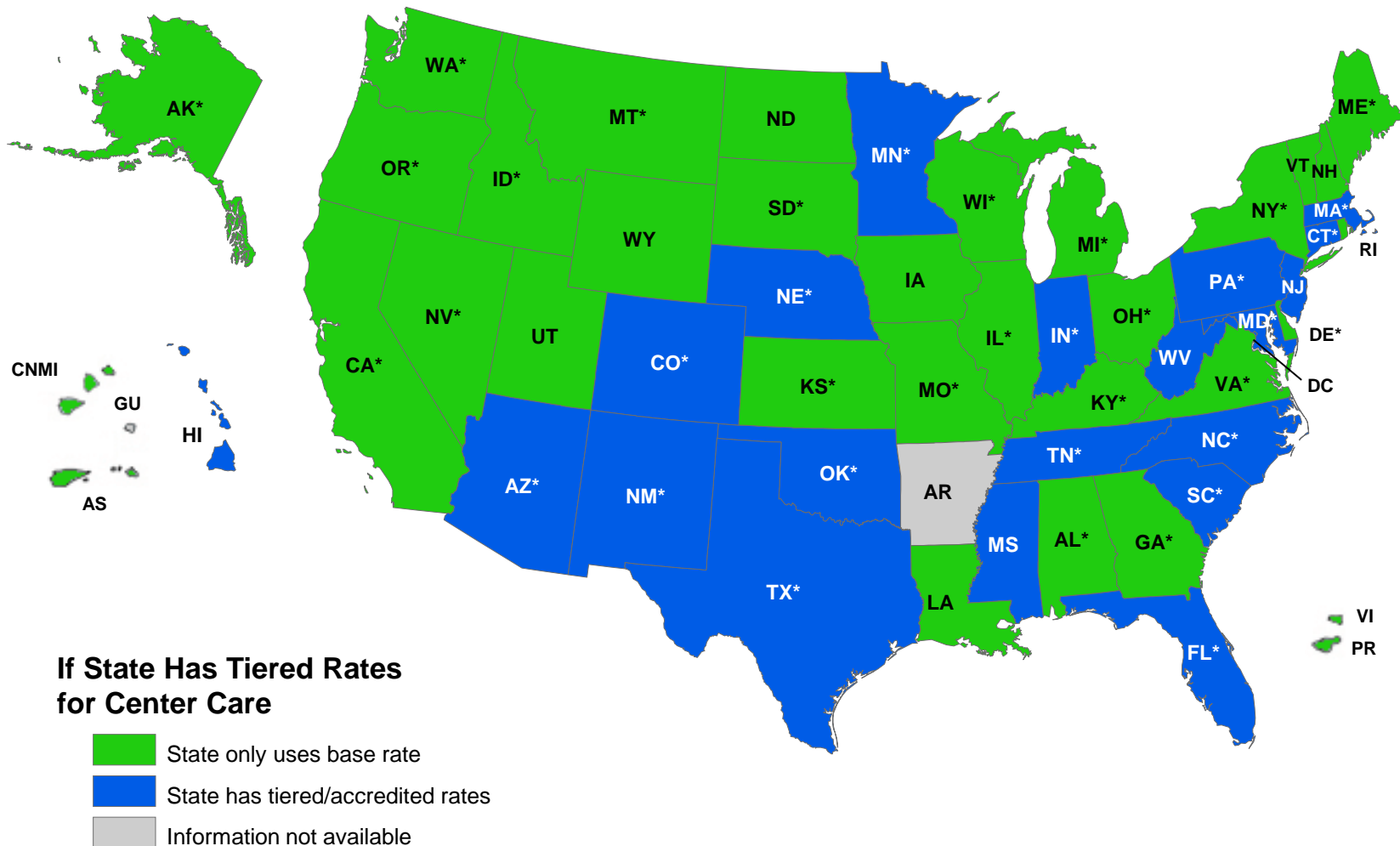
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*Rates coded at the local level.

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Using the Database with Other Data

- Combined with survey data
 - Explanatory variables for statistical analyses
 - More complete information for microsimulation estimates of CCDF eligibility levels
- Combined with CCDF administrative data
 - Relationship between policies and characteristics of subsidized families
- Prototypical families analysis – Net Income Change Calculator (nicc.urban.org)

Two Ways to Access the Data

1. Book of Tables

2. Detailed Data Files

Book of Tables

- Selected policies from the CCDF Policies Database
- Policies in effect on October 1 of each year
- First Book of Tables shows policies in effect on October 1, 2009

Examples from the 2009 Book of Tables

Table 3. Approved Activities for CCDF Eligibility										
State	Employment	Job Search	Approved Activities for Any Families					Approved Activities for TANF Families		
			High School/ GED ²	ESL	Training	Post-Secondary Education ²	SNAP E&T	Housing Search (Homeless)	TANF Work Program	Other TANF Activities
Alabama	Yes	No	Yes	— ¹	Yes ³	Yes ³	— ¹	No	Yes	No
Alaska	Yes	Yes, for initial and continuing eligibility	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Arizona	Yes	Yes, only for continuing eligibility	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁴	No	No	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	— ¹	— ¹
California	Yes	Yes, for initial and continuing eligibility	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA ⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes
Colorado	Yes	Yes, for initial and continuing eligibility	Yes ⁵	Yes ⁵	Yes ⁵	Yes ⁵	NA ⁷	No	Yes ⁶	No
Connecticut	Yes ⁸	No ⁸	Yes ^{8,9}	No ⁸	No ⁸	No ⁸	No ⁸	No ⁸	Yes ⁸	Yes ⁸
Delaware	Yes	Yes, for initial and continuing eligibility	Yes	No	No	No ¹⁰	Yes	— ¹	Yes ¹¹	Yes ¹¹

Examples from the 2009 Book of Tables

Table 30. Copayment Amounts for a Single Parent with a Two-Year-Old Child in Full-Time Care (Monthly Dollar Amounts) ²				
State	<u>Annual Earnings</u>			
	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
Alabama	78	Not eligible for subsidy	Not eligible for subsidy	Not eligible for subsidy
Alaska	13	27	62	188
Arizona	65	108	Not eligible for subsidy	Not eligible for subsidy
Arkansas	--- ¹	--- ¹	Not eligible for subsidy	Not eligible for subsidy
California	0	0	76	167
Colorado	113 ³	183 ³	250 ³	325 ³
Connecticut	50 ⁴	100 ⁴	125 ⁴	200 ⁴
Delaware	100 ⁵	210 ⁵	287 ⁵	Not eligible for subsidy ⁵
DC	44	75	134	192
Florida	69 ⁶	104 ⁶	Not eligible for subsidy ⁶	Not eligible for subsidy ⁶
Georgia	113	143	Not eligible for subsidy	Not eligible for subsidy
Hawaii	0 ⁷	140 ⁷	140 ⁷	279 ⁷
Idaho	194 ⁸	Not eligible for subsidy ⁸	Not eligible for subsidy ⁸	Not eligible for subsidy ⁸
Illinois	87	160	212	Not eligible for subsidy
Indiana	63	Not eligible for subsidy	Not eligible for subsidy	Not eligible for subsidy

Book of Tables Available from OPRE

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/cc/ccdf_policies



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Detailed Data Files

- Full Database detail (beyond detail provided in Book of Tables)
- Files capture policy changes over time, including date when policies changed
- Files capture key variations within states
- Available as Excel, SAS, Stata, and SPSS files

Detailed Data Files Available from Research Connections

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Note: The data are provided in Excel, SPSS, SAS and Stata formats. The documentation is comprised of codebooks (one per dataset) that provide summary statistics, frequencies and variable descriptions and a User Guide that provides a detailed description of the CCDF Policies Database project, Data Files and Book of Tables including general notes and concepts, specific comments on issues with particular datasets and more.

Description: The CCDF Policies Database project is a comprehensive, up-to-date database of inter-related sources of CCDF policy information that support the needs of a variety of audiences through (1) Analytic Data Files and (2) a Book of Tables. These are made available to researchers, administrators, and policymakers with the goal of addressing important questions concerning the effects of alternative child care subsidy policies and practices on the children and families served, specifically parental employment and self-sufficiency, the availability and quality of care, and

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Coming Soon...

- Late summer 2012:

Book of Tables with policies as of October 2011 and October 2010

- Autumn 2012:

Full database detail through October 2011 available on Research Connections website

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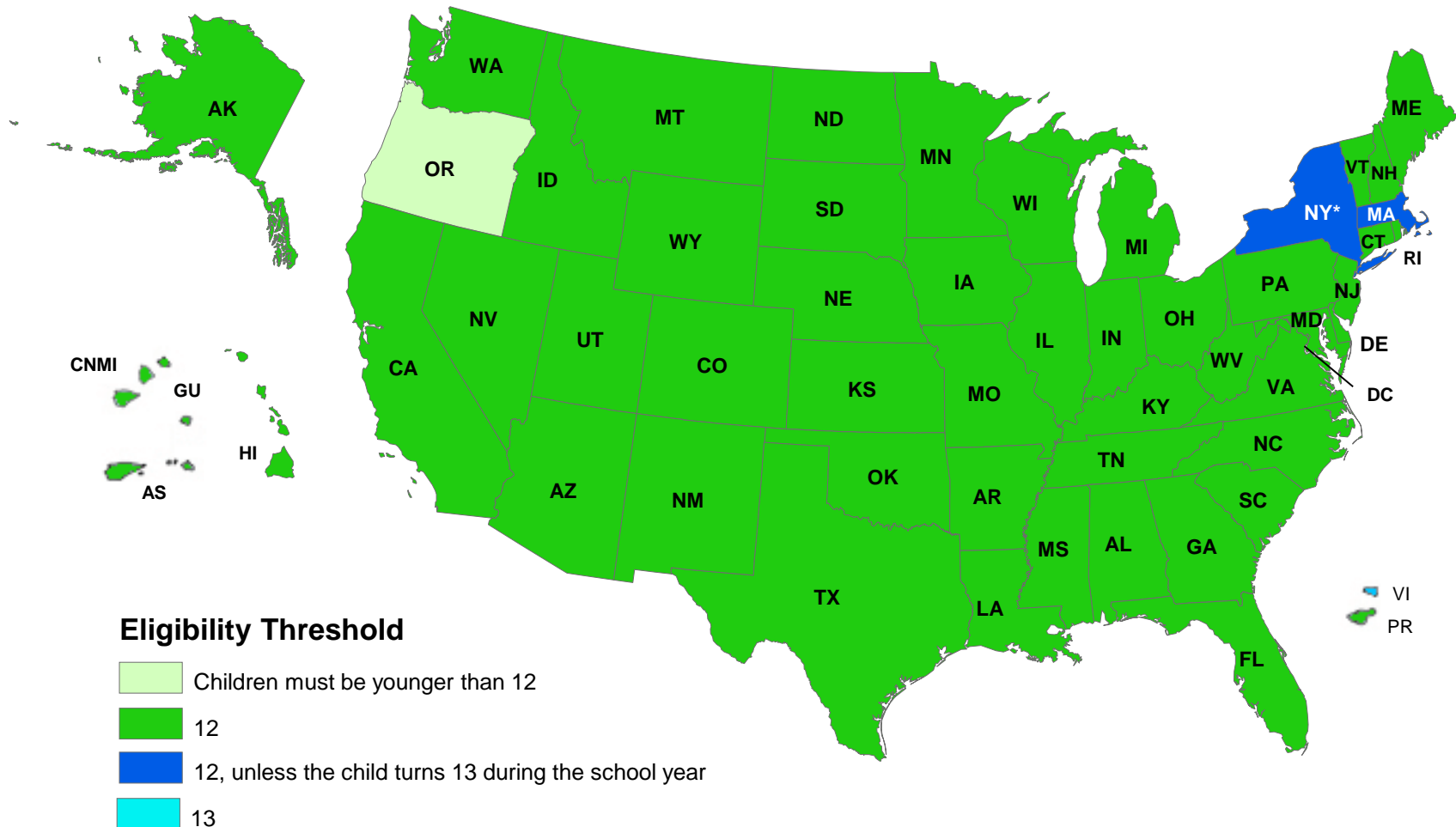




Additional Cross-State Comparisons

Age Requirements for Most Children

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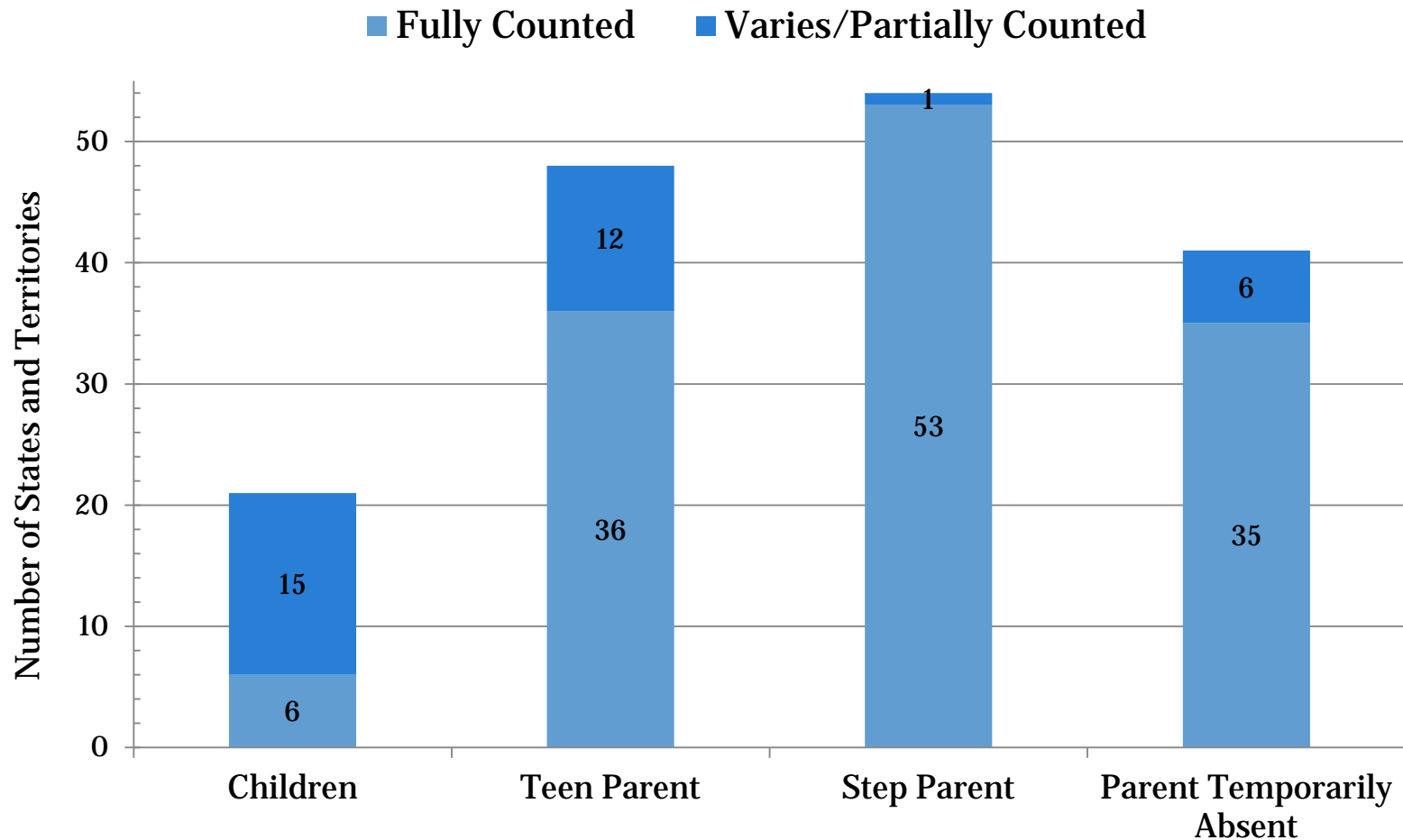
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If Various Family Members' Earnings are Counted

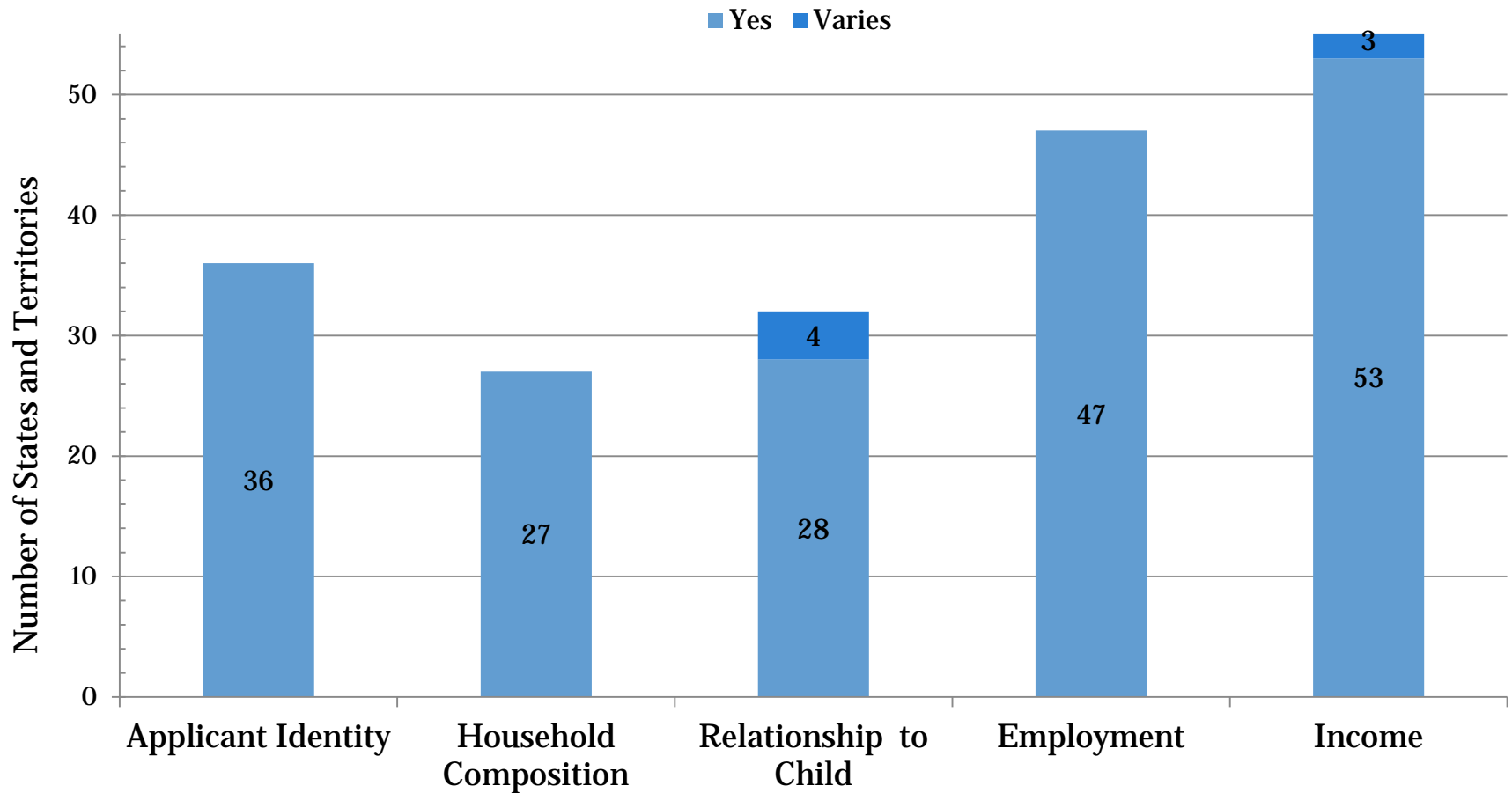
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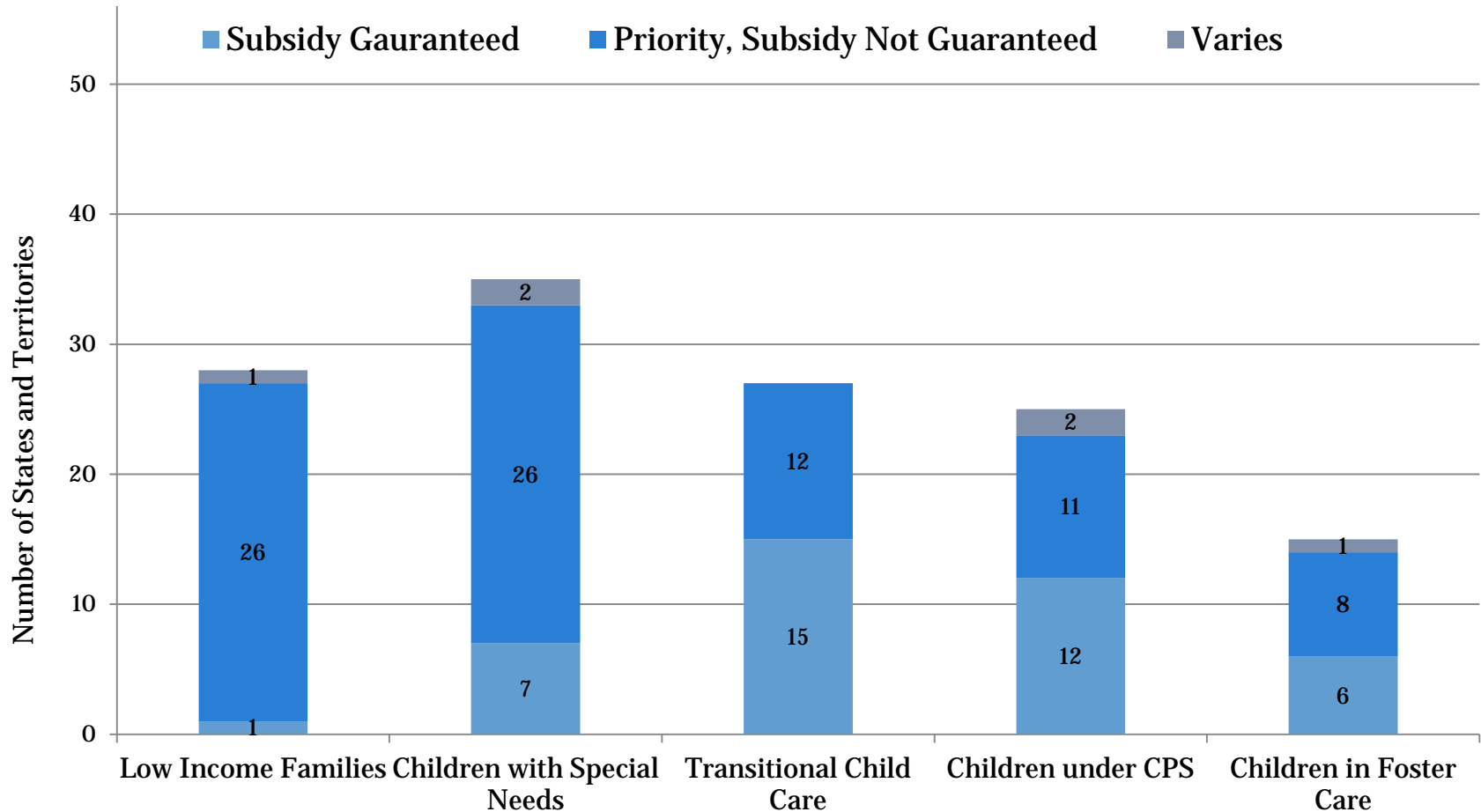
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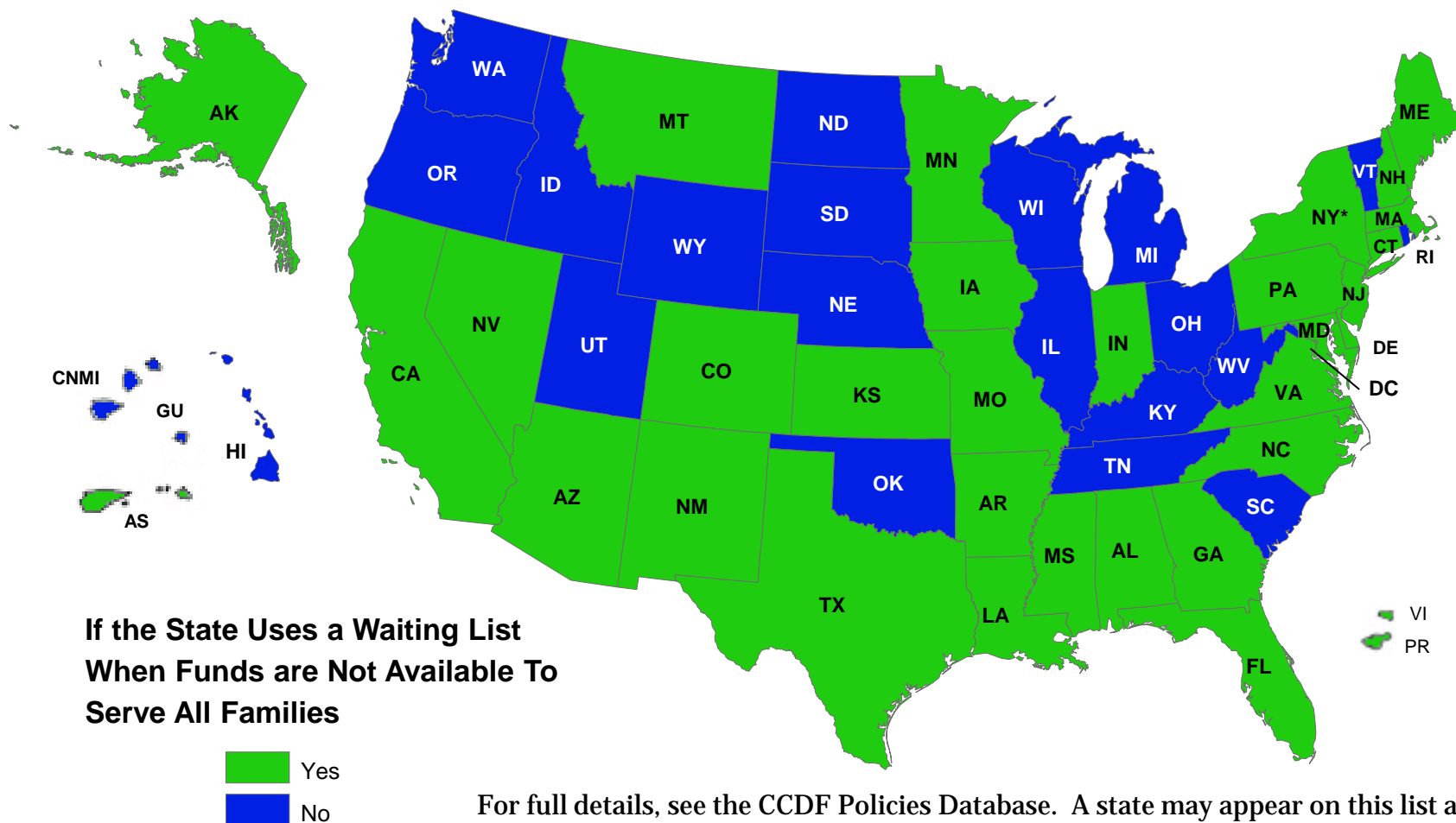
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If a Waiting List is Used When Funds are Not Available to Serve All Families

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