

VERIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

To be eligible for **Medicaid or CHIP**, U.S. citizens must provide copies of documentation of citizenship and identity to the county assistance office. **One** of the documents on the first list below can be used to verify both citizenship and identity. **OR** you can provide **one** type of citizenship verification **AND** **one** type of identify verification. People who currently receive Medicare, SSI, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or federal foster care or adoption benefits are not required to verify citizenship but must show proof of identity. If you received Medicaid in the past and already documented your citizenship, you generally will **not** have to repeat documentation.

Provide One of the Following to Verify Both Citizenship and Identity:

- U.S. Passport
- Certificate of Naturalization (DHS Form N-550 or N-570)
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (DHS Form N-560 or N-561)
- Texas-issued drivers license

If you don't have one of these, you will need separate documents to verify citizenship and identity.

Citizenship -- Provide a Type of Verification from Group 1, Group 2, or Group 3:

Group 1:

- U.S. birth certificate
- Certification of Birth issued by the Department of State (Form DS-1350)
- Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen (Form FS-240)
- Certification of Birth Abroad (FS-545)
- U.S. Citizen ID Card (DHS Form I-197)
- Final Adoption Decree
- Military Records
- North Mariana ID Card
- American Indian Card from the DHS with the classification code "KIC" (Kickapoo Indian)
- Proof that a foreign-born child meets the criteria for automatic citizenship as the child of at least one U.S. citizen parent

Group 2 (If you don't have a Group 1 Document):

- U.S. hospital record of birth created at least five years ago or, for children, at the time of birth
- Life, health, or other insurance record created at least five years ago or, for children, at the time of birth
- Religious record issued within three months of birth
- Early school records

Group 3: (If you don't have a Group 1 or Group 2 Document):

- Federal or state census record showing U.S. citizenship or a U.S. place of birth
- Admission papers written at least five years ago from a nursing home, skilled care facility, or other institution
- Medical (clinic, doctor, or hospital) record created at least five years ago
- One of these written at least five years ago: Indian Tribal Census Record; U.S. State Vital Statistics birth registration; U.S. public birth record; or statement of physician or midwife who attended the birth
- Two written sworn statements from U.S. citizens – at least one from someone who is not related to the applicant

Identity -- Provide One of the Following to Verify Identity in Addition to Verification of Citizenship:

- Federal, state, or local government ID card with photo or identifying information
- School ID card
- U.S. Military Card or Draft Record
- Military dependant's ID card
- U.S. American Indian/Alaska Native tribal document
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card
- Sworn statement from the administrator or director of a residential care facility
- Three of these or similar documents: employer ID card, high school diploma, G.E.D., college diploma, marriage certificate, divorce decree, or property deed/title
- **For children under age 18, when photo ID is not available:** sworn statements signed under penalty of perjury by a parent or guardian attesting to the child's identity
- **For children age 16 or younger:** school record (report card, day care or nursery school record) OR medical record (clinic, doctor, or hospital) created at least five years ago or at the time of birth.

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