

Proof of U.S. Citizenship and Identity for Medicaid

Effective July 1, 2006, individuals who declare on a Medicaid application that they are United States citizens must provide proof of citizenship and identity. You will be enrolled in coverage if you meet all other eligibility requirements. A data match will be conducted with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to verify your claim of U.S. citizenship. If the SSA cannot verify your claim of U.S. citizenship, you will receive a written request from your eligibility worker at your local department of social services to provide a document that proves you are a U.S. citizen and a photo identification card or document that identifies you. You must provide this documentation if it is requested by a local department of social services (LDSS) worker for your coverage to continue. Individuals who receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, current recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), individuals who have Medicare, individuals who were born to mothers who were enrolled in Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) on the date the individual was born, and children in foster care or who are receiving Title IV-E Adoption Assistance payments do not have to provide proof of citizenship or identity.

Some common documents that may be used to meet the citizenship and identity requirement are listed below. Representatives from your local department of social services can tell you what other documents may be acceptable. If you have difficulty obtaining one of the documents listed or have any questions, please discuss your situation with your eligibility worker. Whenever possible, we will allow additional time for you to obtain the necessary documentation.

The following documents are proof of both citizenship and identity; no additional documents are necessary to meet the Medicaid requirement to provide proof of citizenship and identity.				
Document:	Shows proof of:	Issued by:	Fee	Contact information:
U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired)	Citizenship & Identity (if issued with limitation and expired, only shows proof of identity)	U.S. Department of State	Varies	(202) 647-4000 or www.state.gov
Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570)	Citizenship & Identity	U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services	Varies	1-800-375-5283 or www.uscis.gov
Certificate of Citizenship (N5-560 or N-561)—issued when a person was born outside U.S. to U.S. Citizen parent(s)	Citizenship & Identity	U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services	Varies	1-800-375-5283 or www.uscis.gov

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Document:	Shows proof of:	Issued by:	Fee	Contact information:
U.S. Public Birth Record (“Birth Certificate”) - must contain original embossed seal	Citizenship (Must also provide proof of identity)	The state, commonwealth, territory or local jurisdiction	Va. Birth Cert. \$12	For citizens born in Virginia: Department of Health, Division of Vital Records: (804) 662-6200 or www.vdh.virginia.gov (will also assist citizens born outside Virginia with finding contact information for their birth state)
Certification of Report of Birth (FS-240); Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the U.S.A. (FS-545), Certification of Birth Abroad (FS-545)	Citizenship (Must also provide proof of identity)	U.S. Department of State	Varies	(202) 647-4000 or www.state.gov
American Indian Card (I-872)	Citizenship (Must also provide proof of identity)	U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services	Contact agency	1-800-375-5283 or www.uscis.gov
Final adoption decree (or statement from state-approved adoption agency if adoption is not finalized) —must show child’s name and U.S. place of birth	Citizenship (Must also provide proof of identity)	the state in which the adoption was finalized	Possible copying fee	the court issuing the decree or the adoption agency that handled the adoption
Evidence of Civil Services Employment by the U.S. Government—must show employment by the U.S. government before June 1, 1976	Citizenship (Must also provide proof of identity)	U.S. Office of Personnel Management	Possible copying fee	1-888-767-6738 or www.opm.gov
Official Military Record of Service—must show a U.S. place of birth	Citizenship (Must also provide proof of identity)	Department of Veteran’s Affairs	Possible copying fee	1-800-827-1000 or www.va.gov

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Extract of hospital record on hospital letterhead (not a "birth certificate" issued by a hospital) —must have been established at the time of birth, created at least 5 years before initial application date for Medicaid, and indicate a U.S. place of birth	Citizenship (Must also provide proof of identity)	Hospital of birth	Possible copying fee	Hospital in which individual was born
Life or health or other Insurance Record—must have been created at least 5 years before the initial application date for Medicaid and show a U.S. place of birth	Citizenship (Must also provide proof of identity)	Insurance Company	Possible copying fee	Insurance company that issued the policy—contact information should be listed on the policy
A statement signed by the physician or midwife who was in attendance at the time of the birth—must have been created at least 5 years before the date of the initial Medicaid application and show a U.S. place of birth.	Citizenship (Must also provide proof of identity)	Physician or Midwife who delivered the individual	Possible copying fee	Physician or Midwife
Institutional admission papers from a nursing home or other institution or medical records—must have been created at least 5 years before the date of the initial Medicaid application and indicate a U.S. place of birth	Citizenship (Must also provide proof of identity)	Nursing home or other institution in which the individual resides or resided	Possible copying fee	Nursing home or other institution

The following documents may be used to prove identity only when you provide proof of citizenship.				
Document:	Shows proof of:	Issued by:	Fee	Contact information:
Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood; other U.S. American Indian/Alaska Native or Native American tribal document—must have a photograph of individual or other personal identifying information	Identity	U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs	Contact agency	(202) 208-3100 or www.doi.gov

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Document:	Shows proof of:	Issued by:	Fee	Contact information:
Driver's license issued by a state or territory—must have a photograph of individual or other personal identifying information	Identity	State or Territory	\$12 - \$28	In Virginia, Division of Motor Vehicles: 1-866-368-5463 or www.dmv.virginia.gov
School identification (ID) card with photograph of individual	Identity	School	Contact agency	School
U.S. Military card or draft record; military dependent's ID card		Department of Veteran's Affairs	Contact agency	1-800-827-1000 or www.va.gov
Identification card issued by federal, state, or local government with the same information included on driver's licenses	Identity	Va. Division of Motor Vehicles issues non-driver ID cards	Va. ID \$10	1-866-368-5463 or www.dmv.virginia.gov