



Medical Assistance Citizenship Documentation Rule

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[Federal Law Change]

- Effective July 1, 2006
- Old law: people claiming to be citizens signed a declaration of citizenship on the application form
- New law: citizens must provide proof of citizenship and identity
- Only certain types of documents are acceptable

Do the new rule affect immigrants?

- No. The new rule only affect individuals claiming to be citizens.
- Legal immigrants must still present proof of immigration status to be eligible for Medical Assistance
- Emergency MA does not require proof of citizenship

Who must provide proof of citizenship/identity?

- All MA applicants and recipients except: SSI recipients and Medicare recipients
- Rule applies to: Children in foster care, adoption subsidy, Katie Beckett. Adults and children on Rite Care

What documents are acceptable?

Citizenship

- US passport
- Certificate of Naturalization

- Birth Certificate
- Hospital record of birth at least 5 years old
- Life, health or other insurance record at least 5 years old with place of birth
- Medical record at least 5 years old with place of birth

Identity

- US passport
- Certificate of Naturalization

- Driver's license with photo
- State-issued photo ID
- School ID with photo
- Tribal ID card

- Under 16: parent's attestation

Citizenship documentation and Rlte Care - Applicants

- Need to provide proof with Rlte Care application
- Must submit documents within 30 days from date of application or application denied
- Benefits do not start until the proof is provided

Citizenship documentation and Rite Care - Recipients

- Need to provide proof at recertification
- 90 days to submit documents

Benefits continue as long as person is making a good faith effort to obtain the documents

Citizenship documentation and Rite Care

- DHS may be able to use documents in other records (FIP, Food Stamps, Child Care Assistance)
- DHS pursuing data match with Vital Records for birth certificates

Citizenship documentation and Rite Care

- Applicants and recipients can submit documentation through an authorized representative
- Authorized rep:
 - Family Resource Counselors
 - Hospitals
 - Community health centers
 - Medical Assistance providers

[Particular Challenges]

- Person born outside Rhode Island
- Person 16+ who does not have a photo ID
- Baby born to undocumented/non-qualified pregnant woman

[How You Can Help]

- Assist families in obtaining documents
- Birth certificate:
 - RI Department of Health
 - \$15
 - 6 – 8 weeks
 - 2 weeks for “rush” – additional \$5.00

[How You Can Help]

- State ID – Division of Motor Vehicles

- \$15

- Proof of Identity**

- Birth certificate/baptismal certificate (original/certified copy); Passport; Naturalization certificate; license

- Signature Document**

- Social Security Card; work/school ID

- Proof of Residence**

- Utility bill, check/bank statement, **Minor:** school records and parent/s license/ID with same address