

# Medicaid Citizenship Requirements

As of Feb 2011

## VERIFICATION OF **U.S.** CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY IS NOT REQUIRED FOR:

- A current Supplemental Security Income (**SSI**) recipient;
- A current Medicare recipient;
- An individual receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (**SSDI**) benefits;
- Children in state foster care or Title IV-E adoption assistance; or
- A newborn that is eligible for and receives Medicaid in their birth month. This includes a newborn whose mother is a non-qualified alien and is determined eligible under Emergency Treatment for Aliens. These newborns are considered to have provided satisfactory documentation of citizenship and identity, and no further documentation will be necessary in the future.

Verification of **U.S.** citizenship or immigration status is needed only for the individuals who will receive benefits, not for individuals applying for or renewing Medicaid or Denali KidCare on behalf of someone else.

### **Level One: Acceptable for Both Proof of Citizenship and Identity**

- A **U.S.** Passport;
- A Certificate of Naturalization (Forms N-550 or N-570); or
- A Certificate of **U.S.** Citizenship (Forms N-560 or N-561); or
- A document issued by a federally recognized Indian Tribe evidencing membership or enrollment in, or affiliation with, such tribe (such as a tribal enrollment card or certificate of degree of Indian blood).

### **Level Two: Acceptable for Proof of Citizenship: (Must have an additional form of identity verification.)**

- Verification of birth through a Bureau of Vital Statistics (**BVS**) online access or an electronic **BVS** data match;
- Permanent Fund Dividend (**PFD**) interface; The **PFD** interface may be used for individuals who applied for a **PFD** for the first time in 1989 or after and claim **U.S.** citizenship. The **PFD** interface can be accepted as verification of citizenship when all of the following information appears on the screen:
  - US Citizenship (CITIZEN FLAG) is Y
  - Place of birth (BIRTH STATE) is two digit state code
  - Year of first application (FIRST APP YEAR) is 1989 or later
- A **U.S.** birth certificate showing birth in one of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico (if born on or after January 13, 1941), Guam (on or after April 10, 1899), the Virgin Islands of the **U.S.** (on or after

January 17, 1917), American Samoa, Swain's Island, or the Northern Mariana Islands (after November 4, 1986) recorded before 5 years of age;

- A Certification of Report of Birth (Forms FS-545 or DS-1350);
- A Report of Birth Abroad of a **U.S.** Citizen (Form FS-240);
- A **U.S.** Citizen I.D. Card (Forms I-179 or I-197);
- An American Indian Card (I-872) issued by the Department of Homeland Security with the classification code KIC;

**Acceptable Proof of Identity:** (Must have an additional verification of citizenship.)

- A driver's license issued by a state or territory with a photograph of the individual or other identifying information such as name, age, sex, race, height, weight, or eye color. A voter's registration card or Canadian driver's licenses are not acceptable verification;
- Identification card issued by the federal, state, or local government with the same information included on driver's licenses listed above;
- School identification card with a photograph of the individual;
- **U.S.** military card or draft record;
- Military dependent's identification card;
- **U.S.** Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card

- **Identity for Children Under age 16:**

- Clinic, doctor or hospital record;
- School records, which may include nursery or daycare record and report cards. Verification of these records must be made with the issuing school; or
- A Medicaid application or a declaration that states the date and place of the child's birth that is signed by a parent, guardian, or caretaker relative under penalty of perjury. The Medicaid application or an identity declaration may be used for children under age 18 in limited circumstances, such as when school ID cards and drivers' licenses are not available to the individual in their locality.