

PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION OF CITIZENSHIP FOR MEDICAID

A new Federal law is in place to get Medicaid. You must show that you are a U.S. citizen or national and who you are. If you already have Medicaid or are applying for Medicaid, you will be asked to document your U.S. citizenship and identity. However, if you are enrolled in Medicare or receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or are a “Qualified Alien,” you will not be affected by this new law.

The best way to show that you are a citizen and who you are is with one of these:

- ★ A U.S. Passport, or
- ★ A Certificate of Naturalization (DHS Forms N-550 or N-570), or
- ★ A Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (DHS Forms N-560 or N-561)

or, you can

Document you are a citizen with:

- ★ Your birth certificate or,
- ★ A Report or Certification of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen (form FS-240 or FS-545) or,
- ★ U.S. Citizen I.D. Card (DHS form I-197)
- ★ Adoption Papers
- ★ Military Record

and

Show who you are with:

- ★ Your picture on your current State driver’s license or State identity card, or
- ★ School identification card
- ★ A Federal, State or local government identification card
- ★ A U.S. Military identification card if it shows where you were born

* Even if you don’t have any of the documents listed, there are other ways to show Medicaid who you are and that you are a U.S. citizen. Be sure to tell Medicaid why you need to use another kind of document when you apply for Medicaid.

For help, get in touch with your State Medicaid office or call 1-800-633-4227.