

Acceptable Citizenship and Identity Documents

A new law says *most* Medi-Cal applicants and beneficiaries who are U.S. citizens or nationals must show proof of citizenship *and* proof of identity. This form provides a list of acceptable documents.

The easiest way for U.S. citizens or nationals to provide *both* proof of citizenship and identity is with **one** of these documents:

- U.S. Passport issued without limitation (expired ones are acceptable)
- Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570)
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)

– OR –

If you do not have one of the documents above, provide...

One citizenship document from this column **AND One** identity document from this column

- ❖ U.S. Birth Certificate
- ❖ Certification of Report of Birth (DS-1350)
- ❖ Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen (FS-240)
- ❖ State Department Certification of Birth (FS-545 or DS-1350)
- ❖ U.S. Citizen Identification Card (I-197 or I-179)
- ❖ American Indian Card (I-872)
- ❖ Northern Marianas Card (I-873)
- ❖ Final adoption decree showing a U.S. place of birth
- ❖ Proof of employment by the U.S. civil service before June 1, 1976
- ❖ U.S. military service record that shows a U.S. place of birth
- ❖ U.S. hospital record established at the time of the person's birth *
- ❖ Life, health, or other insurance record *
- ❖ Federal or State census record that shows the applicant's age and U.S. citizenship or place of birth
- ❖ Seneca Indian tribal census record *
- ❖ Bureau of Indian Affairs tribal census record of the Navajo Indians *
- ❖ U.S. State Vital Statistics birth registration notification*
- ❖ An amended U.S. public birth record (amended more than 5 years after the person's birth) *
- ❖ Statement signed by doctor or midwife present at the time of birth *
- ❖ Admission papers from a nursing or skilled care facility, or other institution that shows a U.S. place of birth
- ❖ Medical record (not an immunization record) *

* Must be dated at least 5 years before your 1st Medi-Cal application and show a U.S. place of birth.

You must provide a document as high on the list as you can.

- ❖ Driver's license issued by a U.S. State or Territory with a photograph or other identifying information
- ❖ School Identification card with a photograph
- ❖ U.S. Military I.D. card or draft record
- ❖ Federal, state or local government I.D. card with same identifying information as a driver's license
- ❖ U.S. Military dependent identification card
- ❖ A U.S. passport (issued with limitation)
- ❖ Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or other U.S. American Indian/Alaska Native Tribal document
- ❖ U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- ❖ School, daycare, or nursery school records for a child under 16

For a child under 16 who did not provide an *Affidavit of Citizenship*, you may submit:

- ❖ An Affidavit of the child's identity signed by the child's parent or guardian.
- ❖ A Medi-Cal application or the Healthy Families/Medi-Cal joint application that shows the child's date and place of birth, and is signed by the child's parent or guardian.

Note: Expired identity documents are acceptable proof of identity.

If you *cannot* provide any of these citizenship documents...

Ask two adults to fill out and sign an *Affidavit of Citizenship*. Both adults must have proof of their own identity and U.S. citizenship, and only one of them may be related to you.