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RE: MEDICAID CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY REQUIREMENTS
AND NEW CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY FIELDS ON THE MARYLAND
MEDICAID INFORMATION SYSTEM (MMIS)

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA), MARYLAND CHILDREN'S
HEALTH PROGRAM (MCHP), and TEMPORARY
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TDAP)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY: On July 2, 2007 the federal government issued the final regulations and guidelines
pertaining to the citizenship and identity documentation requirements. This Action Transmittal
reflects changes and updates to the federal requirement, combines policy and procedures for
verifying Medicaid citizenship and identity requirements, changes the verification requirements for
SSDI recipients, and revises certain codes used on MMIS. It adds clarifications for pregnant
women, newborns, and children in out-of-home placements (E01 and E02), and a new affidavit of
identity, (DES/AF4) that will be filed on behalf of an individual with a disability residing in a
residential facility. This action transmittal obsoletes FIA Action Transmittal 07-05 (Revised)
and FIA Information Memo 07-14.

The Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005 set forth new federal requirements that citizenship and
identity must be documented as a condition of eligibility for individuals who apply for or receive
Medical Assistance (MA) or Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) benefits, and who
declare that they are U.S. citizens by birth or naturalization. In Maryland, this federal
requirement applies to Medical Assistance (MA), Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP),
Maryland Children’s Health Program Premium, Long-Term Care, Primary Adult Care (PAC),
HealthChoice, Women's Breast and Cervical Cancer Health Program (WBCCHP), and all 1915(c)
Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver programs. Please note that MCHP
Premium applicants/recipient are subject to this requirement effective June 1, 2007.

The new regulations do not apply to SSI recipients, certain foster care and subsidized adoption
children, individuals who are entitled to or enrolled in Medicare, certain SSDI recipients, and
newborns that are eligible based on their mother’s eligibility. At this time, due to implementation and delinking problems, it also does not apply to TCA applicants and recipients. DHR and the LHDs will be notified if TCA applicants or recipients are made subject to this regulation. However, customers receiving Medical Assistance in these coverage groups should not be discouraged from providing the documents when available.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) has clarified regulations regarding pregnant women applying for MCHP through both the Accelerated Certification of Eligibility (ACE) process and the regular eligibility determination process. Pregnant women are not exempt, and must provide proof of identity and citizenship. However, if the documentation is not readily available, pregnant women should be offered the opportunity to complete the Affidavits of Citizenship so as not to delay eligibility and entry into prenatal care.

DHMH established a Central Repository (CR) database that houses the information collected by Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) and Local Health Department (LHD) staff, as well as other stakeholders, on all Medicaid applicants/recipients. This information is captured through various methods including Maryland vital statistic matches, matches with other state and federal databases, and reviews of original documents. The verification of citizenship and identity is required only once and a copy of the approved documentation must be maintained in the case record.

As stated above, DHMH now requires individuals to provide documentation of citizenship and identity as a condition of eligibility. This process applies to:

- Applicants: All MA and MCHP applications received on or after September 1, 2006;
- Redeterminations: All MA and MCHP redeterminations with redetermination packets mailed (system-generated or manually) after July 1, 2006 for redeterminations with an end date after September 2006; and
- All MCHP Premium applications received on or after June 1, 2007.

DHMH sends letters to current MA/MCHP recipients at the time of their redetermination, informing them of the new citizenship and identity requirements:

**DRA-1** is sent to customers not required to provide documentation.
**DRA-2** is sent to customers required to provide documentation of identity.
**DRA-3** is sent to customers required to provide documentation of both citizenship and identity.
**DRA-4** is sent to customers applying for MCHP services explaining the new citizenship and identity requirements.
**DRA-5** is sent to customers applying for waiver services explaining the new citizenship and identity requirements.
**DRA-6** is sent to customers applying for or receiving WBCCHP services explaining the new citizenship and identity requirements.
**DRA-7** is sent to customers required to provide proof of citizenship.

**NOTE:** As of July 2007, DHMH no longer sends the DRA letter files to the DSS or the LHD since the information is available on MMIS. The last DRA letters were sent in June 2007 to current recipients who have an August 2007 redetermination date. Some new applicants may still receive DRA-4, DRA-5, and DRA-6 with their applications. English and Spanish versions of the DRA letters are available on the DHMH website:

[http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/html/hotissues_notices.htm](http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/html/hotissues_notices.htm)
Aliens: The new verification requirement for citizenship and identity does not affect the existing process by which aliens verify their qualified legal status, nor does it apply to refugees, others covered in the G-track, and illegal or ineligible aliens requesting emergency medical services only (X02). It also does not apply to qualified aliens in the X01 track who must still provide documentation of their immigration status. It is also possible that some qualified aliens inadvertently received a letter stating they must prove their citizenship; if so, please follow already existing rules pertaining to verification of immigrant status for this group.

REMINDER: There is no change in Food Stamp policy regarding verification of citizenship and identity. For Food Stamps, verification of citizenship is not required unless questionable. Do not close or deny a Food Stamp AU when denying an associated MA/MCHP AU for failure to verify citizenship and/or identity.

ACTION REQUIRED

I. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF MEDICAID VERIFICATIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY –CENTRAL REPOSITORY

Effective July 1, 2006, federal law requires verification of citizenship and identity as a condition for Medicaid eligibility. Applicants and recipients who declare that they are U.S. citizens must provide proof of both citizenship and identity.

In order to ensure that this requirement is met, the Maryland Medicaid Program established a database (Central Repository) that houses the information collected on all Medicaid and MCHP applicants/recipients (A/R). This information is captured through various methods, including vital statistic matches, SSI/SSDI award letters, matches with other government databases, and reviews of the citizenship and identity documentation.

The instructions below are for individuals reviewing citizenship and identity documentation and forwarding copies of those documents to Medicaid’s Central Office for inclusion in the database.

LDSS/LHD
Review the citizenship and identity documentation. If it is acceptable, make a copy for the case file and a copy for the Central Repository (CR). Write the Client IRN on the CR copy and mail the CR copies each Friday to the address below. If an MCHP applicant is denied on CARES based on income, and referred to MCHP Premium, please continue to forward the documentation to the Central Repository.

PARTIES ASSISTING RECIPIENTS

MCOs
For current recipients, review the citizenship and identity documentation. If it is acceptable, make a copy for the Central Repository (CR). Write the Medicaid number on the CR copy and mail the CR copies each Friday to the address below. If you receive documentation from a new applicant, this information must be forwarded to the appropriate LDSS/LHD.

OTHER PARTIES ASSISTING A/R
If you are not the authorized representative, but receive documents verifying citizenship and identity from an A/R, the information must be forwarded to the appropriate LDSS/LHD. If you receive documentation and you are the authorized representative, copies of this information can be
forwarded to the CR each Friday to the address below, IF you have the Medicaid number or Client IRN. Otherwise, it must be forwarded to the appropriate LDSS/LHD.

The copy for the Central Repository MUST have the MEDICAID NUMBER and/or the CARES IRN of the Medicaid A/R. This is the only way the Central Repository can match documentation with the A/R. IF you are not sure whether the documents you received meet the requirements for citizenship and/or identity, or IF you have other questions, please call the DHMH Eligibility Policy/MCHP Division at (410) 767-1463 or 1-800-492-5231 option 2 and request extension 1463.

Copies of ALL Central Repository verifications should be mailed each Friday to:
DHMH Medicaid Verifications
P.O. Box 2075
Baltimore, MD 21203-2075

PLEASE NOTE: If an A/R was born in Maryland, DHMH attempts to match the A/R’s name with the Maryland Vital Statistics database. IF DHMH is able to verify citizenship through Vital Statistics, this information will be relayed weekly to the LDSS/LHD, and the A/R DOES NOT need to get an actual birth certificate. If the name of an A/R born in Maryland has changed since birth or an A/R was not born in Maryland, there may be no Vital Statistics match, so the customer should call the new DHMH hotline at 1-800-492-5231 option 5.

II. DOCUMENTATION OF CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY

Documentation of citizenship and identity is a condition of eligibility for:

- All MA/MCHP applications received on or after September 1, 2006
  and
- All MA/MCHP redeterminations with an end date after September 30, 2006,
  and
- All MCHP Premium applications received on or after June 1, 2007.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS

Do not approve a MA/MCHP application until you receive the required verifications. IF the required documentation of citizenship and identity is not provided by the due date, the application must be denied. However, MA/MCHP policy allows for extension of time standards if the applicant is actively attempting to establish eligibility.

If the denied applicant submits the required documentation within the 6-month period under consideration, reactivate the application and determine eligibility based on the original date of application.

NOTES for TDAP: Applicants approved for TDAP also receive notification of eligibility for the Primary Adult Care Program (PAC). TDAP customers must provide verification of citizenship in order to qualify for PAC. TDAP customers do not need to verify identity for PAC, since they have already verified identity in order to qualify for TDAP. DHMH will notify TDAP recipients who have not met the citizenship requirement through another process such as Vital Statistics Match, and will request documentation. The eligibility span for PAC will be opened on MMIS once verification is received.

DHMH is in the process of requesting a revision to the CARES text on the TDAP approval notice. Until the text has been modified, add the following free form text to the TDAP approval notice:
You may be eligible for the Primary Adult Care Program that provides your pharmacy and primary care coverage. DHMH will notify you if you are eligible.

PROCEDURE FOR RECIPIENTS
All recipients are required to provide the verifications at their first redetermination with an end date on or after September 2006. If the required documentation of citizenship and identity is not provided by the due date, eligibility must be terminated with the required timely notice of at least 10 days. However, MA/MCHP policy allows for extension of time standards if the applicant is actively attempting to establish eligibility. If the terminated recipient submits the required documentation within 6 months of the month of termination, eligibility is determined as of the effective date of termination in accordance with Medical Assistance policies and procedures.

EXCLUDED APPLICANTS/RECIPIENTS

- TCA/F01 recipients are not subject to this change until further notice;
- Individuals who are currently entitled to or enrolled in Medicare, (S03, S07, S14), and any other coverage group with Medicare eligibles;
- Newborns (P03/P12 applicants made eligible through the DHMH 1184 process) whose mother was enrolled in, or determined eligible for, MA or MCHP for the date of birth;*
- Newborns whose mother files an application and is determined eligible for Emergency Medical Assistance for labor and delivery (X02);*
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients (L01, S02, S04, S05), and any other coverage group with SSI beneficiaries;
- Children in Foster Care or Subsidized Adoption under Title IV, part E, (E01 and E02);
- Children for whom child welfare services are made available under Title IV-B on the basis of being a child in foster care; and
- Recipients of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits who receive these benefits based on their own record.

* All newborns will need to provide documentation of citizenship and identity at their first redetermination for eligibility.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Except for emergency medical services for illegal or ineligible aliens, either a valid social security number (SSN) must be reported or an application for an SSN must be filed, and proof of application provided. If any customer was determined eligible based on a SSN application, a valid SSN number must be provided and entered on CARES by the next redetermination, or MA eligibility must be terminated.

CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS
Federal law requires that all documents provided must be originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. DHMH recognizes the hardship this currently poses for case managers and applicants/ recipients. At this time, individuals unable to provide originals may forward copies. Mail-in programs may accept copies, unless they suspect fraud. DHMH is currently developing a system to facilitate the receipt of documentation, particularly for MCHP and other mail-in systems. Until this is effective, applicants and recipients who provide copies, rather than originals or certified copies, may be required to provide originals later.

The CARES narration must explain how and when citizenship and identity were verified, or why eligibility was denied or terminated due to failure to verify citizenship and/or identity. When a
customer provides an original document (birth certificate, passport, or certificate of citizenship or naturalization) as documentation, **do not date-stamp this original document.** Copy the original and date-stamp the copy that will remain in the case record, as well as the copy being sent to the CR. Promptly return the original to the customer.

### III. REdetermination/reApplication Procedures For Special Groups

**Children determined eligible as newborns through the 1184 process**

If an “N” is in the “Source” field on MMIS screen 1, it verifies that a newborn was initially determined eligible for Medical Assistance via the 1184 process. These children are exempt from the new citizenship and identity requirements until their first re-determination.

- **At their first re-determination, proof of citizenship and identity must be verified.** (NOTE: The 1184 document can be used to verify identity for children under 16 at re-determination.) DHMH will perform a data match with Vital Records to confirm citizenship and will enter this confirmation into MMIS, so the worker must check MMIS.

**Newborns born to illegal/undocumented or ineligible (X02) alien mothers**

Verification of citizenship and identity is not required for the newborns of mothers determined eligible in coverage group X02, including retroactively, for coverage of the child's delivery. **These newborns are to be determined eligible in the P03 and P12 coverage groups, as are other newborns whose eligibility is based on the mother's eligibility for the date of birth.**

- **At their first re-determination, proof of citizenship and identity must be verified.**

**Children leaving foster care**

Children in Foster Care or Subsidized Adoption under Title IV, part E, (E01 and E02) are exempt from citizenship and identity documentation requirements. When a child is no longer eligible in Foster Care or Subsidized Adoption (E01 and E02) a re-determination must be processed to determine Medicaid eligibility. **The child must then provide the citizenship and identity verifications required of the new coverage group to be eligible for Medicaid.**

### IV. Procedures for Verification of Citizenship and Identity

**A.** Use one of the following documents to prove both citizenship and identity:

1. U.S. passport (current or expired), or
2. Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570), or
3. Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561).

**OR**

**B.** One document from the Proof of Citizenship list **AND** one document from the Proof of Identity list

(See proof of citizenship/proof of identity chart on following page).
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<th>Proof of Citizenship</th>
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<td>- U.S. Birth Certificate</td>
<td>- Photo driver's license or MVA ID card</td>
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<td>- Data match by DHMH to document a birth record</td>
<td>- Data match to document identity (current or past TCA, Food Stamps, TDAP, SSI</td>
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<td>- SAVE data match - <strong>for naturalized citizens only</strong></td>
<td>eligibility)</td>
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<td>- For child under 16: a record created near the date of birth,</td>
<td>- Photo school ID card</td>
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<td>or 5 years before initial MA/MCHP application, and</td>
<td>- Photo ID issued by a federal, state, or local government</td>
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<td>showing U.S. place of birth on hospital letterhead or other medical record.</td>
<td>- U.S. military ID card, discharge document, or draft record</td>
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<td>- Record showing U.S. place of birth,</td>
<td>- Native American Tribal Document</td>
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<td>if created at least 5 years before initial MA/MCHP application: record on</td>
<td>- US Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card</td>
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<td>hospital letterhead or other medical record created near the date of birth,</td>
<td>- For children under 16: Clinic, doctor, hospital, or school record (e.g., DHR/FIA</td>
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<td>institutional admission papers, signed statement by physician or midwife who</td>
<td>604 or 604-A form), nursery or day care record including pre-school health</td>
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<td>attended the birth, Vital Statistics notice of birth registration,</td>
<td>forms and Form 1131. School records may include report cards but these records</td>
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<td>insurance record</td>
<td>must be verified with the issuing school.</td>
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<td>- Final adoption decree for child born in U.S.</td>
<td>- Three or more corroborating documents to prove identity such as marriage licenses,</td>
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<td>- Certificate of citizen born abroad (DS-1350, FS-240, FS-545)</td>
<td>divorce decrees, high school and college diplomas, property deeds/titles,</td>
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<td>- Early school record -must show a U.S. place of birth, the date of admission to</td>
<td>and employer ID cards. This process can be used if they are unable to produce a</td>
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<td>the school, date of birth (or age at the time the record was made), and the name(s)</td>
<td>single, more reliable document such as a driver’s license. (These may only be</td>
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<td>and place(s) of birth of the applicant’s parent(s)</td>
<td>used if the individual did not use affidavits to verify citizenship.)</td>
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<td>- Religious record - recorded in the U.S. within three months of birth showing US</td>
<td>- Note: Recently expired identity documents are usable as long as there is no</td>
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<td>birth, and either the date of the birth or the individual’s age at the time the</td>
<td>reason to believe the document does not match the individual.</td>
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<td>- U.S. military service record showing U.S. place of birth</td>
<td>if an affidavit was not used as proof of citizenship</td>
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<td>- Evidence of U.S. civil service employment before 6/1/76</td>
<td>Disabled individuals (Adult/Child) in long term care or rehabilitative</td>
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<td>- Federal or state census record for 1900-1950 showing U.S. citizenship or</td>
<td>residential care facilities; signed by Facility Director or Administrator</td>
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<td>U.S. place of birth</td>
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<td>- ID card for naturalized citizen (I-179 or I-197)</td>
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<td>- <strong>Affidavits</strong> (can also be used for naturalized citizens)</td>
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<td>Three written and signed affidavits. Two completed by citizens who have personal</td>
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<td>knowledge of the person's citizenship, one of whom is not a relative. Both signers</td>
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<td>must be US citizens. Another affidavit completed by the person,</td>
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Note: Recently expired identity documents are usable as long as there is no reason to believe the document does not match the individual.

**Affidavits can be used for the following**

For Children under 16: written affidavit signed by parent or guardian- but only if an affidavit was not used as proof of citizenship

Disabled individuals (Adult/Child) in long term care or rehabilitative residential care facilities; signed by Facility Director or Administrator
C. AFFIDAVITS

There are two affidavit forms to verify citizenship and two affidavit forms to verify identity. The affidavits must be signed under penalty of perjury. Three affidavits may verify citizenship. One affidavit may verify identity, but only if citizenship was not verified by affidavit.

- DES/AF1, Affidavit of Citizenship, is to be completed by an applicant/recipient or their authorized representative, explaining why the proof is not available. When an alien parent, guardian or representative completes the DES/AF1, they are not required to attach proof of their own citizenship or identity.

- DES/AF2, Affidavit of Citizenship, is to be completed by a citizen who has personal knowledge of an applicant or recipient’s claim of citizenship. Individuals completing the DES/AF2 must attach proof of their own citizenship and identity.
  - There must be at least two written and signed affidavits by citizens claiming knowledge of the applicant/recipient’s event (birth, naturalization).
  - Someone who is not related to the applicant/recipient must sign one affidavit.

- DES/AF3, Affidavit of Identity, Child younger than 16 years of age:
  A parent, guardian or representative can sign this affidavit. The person signing the affidavit is not required to attach proof of his or her own citizenship or identity, and does not have to be a US citizen.

- DES/AF4, Affidavit of Identity, Individual with a Disability –all ages
  At this time, the federal regulations do not allow the affidavit of identity to be used for individuals 16 years of age and older except for disabled individuals who reside in residential facilities. This affidavit can be used for all ages, but only for individuals residing in long term care or rehabilitative residential facilities, and must be signed by the facility administrator or director.

D. Verification of identity for children younger than 16 can also be obtained via the use of such documents as:

- DHR/FIA 604 or 604-A School Attendance Verification
- DHR/FIA 1131 Primary Prevention Initiative Health Care Form

E. NOTABLE CHANGES IN THE LAW

The final federal regulations issued July 2007 permit several additional forms of documentation. (CARES and MMIS codes will be edited at a later date to reflect these changes.) The following changes should be noted:

- Naturalized citizens- Evidence of Citizenship
  Case managers may now verify citizenship for naturalized citizens using the Department of Homeland Security’s Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) Program. The affidavit process now permits naturalized citizens to submit an affidavit verifying their citizenship status in rare circumstances, i.e., when other documentation is not available.

- Religious records - Evidence of Citizenship
  The religious record must have been recorded in the U.S. within three months of birth showing the birth occurred in the U.S. and showing either the date of the birth or the
individual’s age at the time the record was made. The record must be an official record recorded with the religious organization, not the family bible.

- **Early school records - Evidence of Citizenship**
  The record must show a U.S. place of birth, the name of the child, the date of admission to the school, the date of birth (or age at the time the record was made), and the name(s) and place(s) of birth of the applicant’s parents.

- **Identity**
  The use of identity affidavits is now acceptable for disabled individuals in residential care facilities, i.e., long-term care or rehabilitative residential facilities.

  Case managers may accept three or more corroborating documents to prove identity such as marriage licenses, divorce decrees, high school and college diplomas, property deeds/titles and employer ID cards. This process can be used if they are unable to produce a single, more reliable document such as a driver’s license, and if they did not use an affidavit for documenting citizenship.

V. CARES PROCEDURES

On the DEM2 screen enter one of the following citizenship verification codes to indicate the type of documentation received.

**Acceptable Verification Codes for Citizenship**

- **AC**  Verified alien card *(Use only for verification of citizenship status)*
- **BC**  Use if a birth certificate, notice of birth registration, or data match from Vital Records verified citizenship  
  **NOTE:** If BC is already in the verification field, check the case record for a copy of the birth certificate, Vital Records data match, or Notice of Birth Registration. **If the documents are not in the case record, remove the BC code and verify citizenship with another acceptable source.**
- **CP**  Use if citizenship papers: a U.S. passport, Certificate of Naturalization, or Certificate of Citizenship verifies citizenship and identity
- **CS**  Use client statement only when citizenship is verified by 3 affidavits
- **HC**  Use hospital documents from hospital, medical, institutional records and/or verification from a physician/midwife who witnessed birth.
- **OT**  Use this code for all other acceptable verifications of citizenship.
- **BR**  Baptismal record  *Per the CMS final rules, certain religious records may now be used to verify citizenship. Use this code for all acceptable religious records.*

**Unacceptable Verification Codes for Citizenship**

- **CO**  – Conversion
- **FB**  – Family Bible

VI. MMIS CITIZENSHIP and IDENTITY CODES - “CITZ-IDEN”

DHMH has created a new field on MMIS to display citizenship and identity codes. This new field is on Screen 1 (see attachment) and is the “CITZ-IDEN” field. This field will contain a total of 4 characters. The first 2 characters will be a 2 digit alpha code to indicate citizenship verification by DHMH through various sources including data matches and the DHMH Central Repository. The
second 2 characters will be a 2 digit numeric code to indicate identity verification by DHMH through the same sources.

Case managers must now check Screen 1, on MMIS the “CITZ-IDEN” field (see codes listed below) to determine if the necessary proofs for citizenship and/or identity have already been obtained by DHMH. If the code on Screen 1 indicates that the proof for citizenship has been obtained by DHMH “VS”, then the worker should not be requesting additional proof. Likewise, if the code on Screen 1 indicates that acceptable proof for identity has been obtained, no further proof of identity is needed.

There are codes that indicate “Not Verified”. If there is a “ZZ” in the citizenship field it indicates that DHMH has no acceptable proof for citizenship. Likewise, if there is a “00” in the identity field it indicates that DHMH has no acceptable proof for identity.

In such cases, the caseworker must request the necessary proof from the applicant or recipient. If the caseworker later receives the proof of citizenship and/or identity, he or she must send a copy of the proof to the address listed below so that Screen 1 on MMIS can be coded correctly.

DHMH Medicaid Verifications,
P.O. Box 2075, Baltimore, MD 21203-2075

MMIS DOCUMENTATION CODES

CITIZENSHIP CODES

Permanently Exempt:
MC - Medicare
SI - SSI or SSDI

Tier One:
PP - Passport
CN - Certificate of Naturalization
CC - Certificate of Citizenship

Tier Two:
VS - Vital Statistic Record Match

Tier Three:
BC - U.S. Birth Certificate
MR - Military Record (official military record of birth)
CS - Civil service employment by U.S. government
AD - Final Adoption Decree for a child born in the U.S.
CA - Certificate of citizen born abroad
CI - U.S. Citizenship identification card
AI - American Indian Card
NM - Northern Mariana card

Tier Four:
HR - Hospital Record
IR - Insurance Record (must show place of birth)
Tier Five:

FC - Federal Census record for 1900 - 1950
DR - Doctor, hospital, clinic or other medical record showing place of birth
OR - Other records showing a U.S. place of birth and created at least 5 years before the initial application date for MA or MCHIP:
* An amended U.S. birth certificate
* A U.S. State Vital Statistics official notification of birth registration
* Signed statement by a physician or mid-wife who attended the birth
* Institutional admission papers (e.g. nursing facility)
* Seneca Indian tribal census record
* Bureau of Indian Affairs tribal census records of the Navajo Indians

Affidavits:

AF - All affidavits for citizenship

Temporary Exemption:

FO - Foster Care or Subsidized Adoption children in E01 or E02

Not Verified:
HN - Hospital Newborn, categorically eligible, valid for 15 months from DOB (P03, P12)
ZZ - Nothing on file

IDENTITY CODES

Valid for ALL ages:
01 - Medicare/SSI/SSDI/or Foster Care/Subsidized Adoption Exemption
02 - Government Identification Card with photograph and/or identifying information included on drivers license --- name, age, sex, race height, weight or eye color (includes PP, CN, CC, MVA ID card)
03 - Food Stamp data match
04 - TCA data match (F01, F02 and F03)
05 - Driver’s License
06 - U.S. military card or draft record or U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
07 - U.S. Passport with limitation (can only be used for identity, not citizenship)
08 - Certification of Indian blood or other U.S. Tribal document
09 - School ID Card/nursery or day care card with photograph
10 - Other government data matches (i.e. Child Support, Corrections)
11-19 For Future Use

Valid ONLY for children younger than 16:
20 - School record/nursery or day care record
21 - Written affidavits signed by the child's parent or guardian
22 - Newborns made eligible through the 1184 process (good until age 16)
Not Verified

00 - Identity not verified

PLEASE NOTE: DHR and DHMH are in the process of modifying both CARES and MMIS to accept all of the codes/valid values used to verify citizenship and identity. Once the modifications have been completed, an updated MMIS/CARES Documentation Code List will be distributed to all LDSS and LHD staff.

INQUIRIES: For policy questions, contact the DHMH Division of Eligibility Policy and MCHP at 410-767-1463 or 1-800-492-5231 (select option 2 and request extension 1463). Contact Debbie Simon at 410-238-1363 for CARES questions.

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State of Maryland  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
AFFIDAVIT OF CITIZENSHIP  
To Be Completed By Applicant/Recipient Only  
*This Document Is Not Valid Unless Fully Completed.*

Applicant/Recipient Name: ____________________________  Date of Birth: _________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

Head of Household (if the individual is younger than 21 years old): _________________

1. ☐ I am a U.S. citizen.

2. ☐ I am 18 years old or older.

3. I am a U. S. Citizen because:
   ☐ I was born in the U.S. or a U.S. territory. Date and place:___________________
   ☐ I was naturalized as a U.S. citizen. Date and place:________________________
   ☐ I was born overseas to a U.S. citizen parent(s).
      Date, place, and parent(s) name: _____________________________________
   ☐ Other: ___________________________________________________________

4. I am unable to produce documents to prove citizenship because:
   __________________
   __________________

I affirm and declare under penalty of perjury that the facts I state in this Affidavit are true, correct, and complete to the best of my ability, belief, and knowledge.

________________________ ____________________________     ______________
Signature    Printed Name    Date Signed

DES/AF1 (7/1/06)
State of Maryland
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
AFFIDAVIT OF CITIZENSHIP

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Applicant/Recipient Name: _____________________________ Date of Birth: ________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Head of Household (if the individual is younger than 21 years old): __________________

1. My name is _________________________, and I live at ______________________
   _____________________________________________________________________.
   □ I am a U.S. citizen.
   □ I am 18 years old or older.

2. Are you a relative of the individual named above?
   □ Yes. Relationship? _______________________________________________
   □ No.

3. How long have you known this individual? __________________________
   How do you know this individual? _________________________________________

4. How do you know the facts you present in this Affidavit?
   _______________________________________________________________________

5. I have personal knowledge of how the applicant/recipient became a U.S. citizen. The facts
   known to me are that he/she was:
   □ Born in the U.S. or a U.S. territory. Date and place: _______________________
   □ Naturalized as a U.S. citizen. Date and place: ___________________________
   □ Born overseas to a U.S. citizen parent. Date, place, and parent(s) name(s):
   _____________________________________________________________________
   □ Other: _____________________________________________________________

6. The individual is unable to produce documents to prove citizenship because:
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

I affirm and declare under penalty of perjury that the facts I state in this Affidavit are true,
correct, and complete to the best of my ability, belief, and knowledge.

_________________________ _________________________       ____________
Signature    Printed Name     Date Signed

DES/AF2 (7/1/06)
State of Maryland  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY  
For a Child Younger Than 16 years Old  
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Child’s Name: _____________________________________________
Child's Date of Birth: _________  Child's Age: _______
Child's Place of Birth: _____________________________________________
Child's Current Address: _____________________________________________

1. My name is ____________________________, and I live at ______________
   ____________________________________________________________________.

2. I am the child's:
   ☐ Mother or Father
   ☐ Legal guardian
   ☐ Other

3. I am unable to produce the required documents to prove the child's identity (U.S. passport,
   Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570), Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561),
   school photo ID card, school record with date and place of birth, nursery or day care record
   with date and place of birth, driver's license or learner's permit, or military dependent's ID
   card) because: ______________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________

I affirm and declare under penalty of perjury that the facts I state in this Affidavit are true,
correct, and complete to the best of my ability, belief, and knowledge.

_________________________ ____________________________     __________________
Signature    Printed Name            Date Signed

DES/AF3 (rev 7/2007)
State of Maryland  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY  
Filed on Behalf of an Individual with a Disability  
Residing in a Residential Facility  
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Applicant/Recipient Name: _____________________________ Date of Birth: ________  
Address: _________________________________________________________________  
Head of Household (if the individual is younger than 21 years old): ____________________

1. My name is __________________________________________

2. I am the facility Administrator and/or Director at the following long term care or rehabilitative residential facility where the applicant/recipient resides:

   Name of facility: ______________________________________________________

   Address: _____________________________________________________________

3. How do you know the facts you present in this Affidavit?

   ______________________________________________________________________

   ______________________________________________________________________

   ______________________________________________________________________

The Applicant/Recipient is a disabled individual residing in the above facility and is unable to produce the required documents to prove his/her identity (U.S. passport, Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570), Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561), employee or government photo ID, school photo ID card, school record with date and place of birth, nursery or day care record with date and place of birth, driver's license, or military dependent's ID card, or 3 corroborating documents) because:

   ______________________________________________________________________

   ______________________________________________________________________

   ______________________________________________________________________

I affirm and declare under penalty of perjury that the facts I state in this Affidavit are true, correct, and complete to the best of my ability, belief, and knowledge.

_________________________ ____________________________      ___________  
Signature    Printed Name              Date Signed

DES/AF4 (7/2007)
Estado de Maryland
Departamento de Salud e Higiene Mental

JURAMENTO DE CIUDADANIA

Para ser llenado sólo por quien aplica o el destinatario

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Nombre de quien aplica: ____________________________ Fecha de nacimiento: _________

Dirección: ___________________________________________________________________

Jefe de Hogar (si el individuo es menor de 21 años de edad): _______________________

1. □ Yo soy ciudadano.

2. □ Tengo 18 años o soy mayor de 18 años de edad

3. Soy ciudadano porque:
   □ Yo nací en Estados Unidos o en territorio de los Estados Unidos. Fecha y lugar: ____________________________
   □ Yo fui naturalizado como ciudadano americano. Fecha y lugar:
   _______________________________________________________________________
   □ Yo nací en el extranjero de padres ciudadanos americanos. Fecha, lugar y nombre de los padres: ____________________________
      _______________________________________________________________________
   □ Otro: __________________________________________________________________

4. No estoy en condiciones de probar con documentos mi ciudadanía porque:
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

Afirmo y declaro bajo la pena de perjurio los hechos dejados en este juramento y declaro que son verídicos, correctos y completos en lo mejor de mi habilidad, creencia y conocimiento.

_________________________ ____________________________ ___________________
Firma     Nombre escrito   Fecha

DES/AF1(7/1/06)-Español
Estado de Maryland
Departamento de Salud e Higiene Mental
JURAMENTO DE CIUDADANIA

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Nombre de quien aplica: _______________________________  Fecha de nacimiento: __________
Dirección: ______________________________________________________________________
Jefe de Hogar (Si el individuo es menor de 21 años de edad): ______________________________

1. Mi nombre es _________________________, vivo en  __________________________
_____________________________________________________________________.
☐  Soy ciudadano americano.
☐  Tengo 18 años de edad o soy mayor de 18 años de edad.

2. ¿Tiene usted algún parentesco con la persona arriba mencionada?
  ☐ Sí.  ¿Relación? _______________________________________________________
  ☐ No.

3. ¿Cuánto hace que usted conoce a esta persona? _________________________________
  ¿Cómo conoció usted a esta persona? _________________________________________

4. ¿Cómo sabe de los hechos que usted está presentando en este juramento?
   _______________________________________________________________________

5. Tengo conocimiento personal de como esta persona que aplica llegó a ser ciudadano americano. Los
  hechos conocidos por mi es que el (ella):
  ☐ Nació en los Estados Unidos o en territorio de Estados Unidos.
     Fecha y lugar: __________________________
  ☐ Es naturalizado como ciudadano americano.
     Fecha y lugar: __________________________
  ☐ Nació en el extranjero de padres ciudadanos americanos.
     Fecha, lugar y nombre de los padres:
     ______________________________________________________________________
  ☐ Otro: ___________________________________________________________________

6. Esta persona no puede probar con documentos su ciudadanía porque:
  _______________________________________________________________________
  _______________________________________________________________________

Afirmando y declaro bajo la pena de perjurio los hechos dejados en este juramento y declaro que son
verídicos, correctos y completos en lo mejor de mi habilidad, creencia y conocimiento.

_____________________________ _ _____________________________ _________________
Firma     Nombre escrito   Fecha

DES/AF2  (7/1/06)-Español
Estado de Maryland  
Departamento de Salud e Higiene Mental  
JURAMENTO DE IDENTIDAD  
Para hijos menores de 16 años de edad

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Nombre del hijo(a): _________________________________________________
Fecha de nacimiento del hijo(a): ______________ Edad del hijo(a): __________
Lugar de nacimiento del hijo(a): ____________________________________________
Dirección actual del hijo(a):________________________________________________

1. Mi nombre es _________________________________, y vivo en ___________.  
_____________________________________________________________________

2. Yo soy el:  
☐ Padre o Madre  
☐ Tutor legal  
☐ Otro:__________________________________________________________

No estoy en condiciones de probar la identidad del joven mediante alguno de los documentos requeridos (Pasaporte americano, Certificado de Naturalización (N-550 o N-570), Certificado de ciudadanía (N-560 o N-561), Carnet de Identificación Escolar, Registro Escolar con fecha y lugar de nacimiento, Registro de Enfermería o Cuidado Infantil con la fecha de nacimiento, Licencia de Conducción de Aprendiz o Carnet de Identificación Militar), porque:
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

Afirmo y declaro bajo la pena de perjurio los hechos dejados en este juramento y declaro que son verídicos, correctos y completos en lo mejor de mi habilidad, creencia y conocimiento.

_____________________________________________________________________

Firma                                                Nombre escrito        Fecha

DES/AF3 (7/1/06)- Español
**Estado de Maryland**  
**Departamento de Salud e Higiene Mental**  
**DECLARACIÓN JURADA DE IDENTIDAD**

Presentada en nombre de un individuo con incapacidad que reside en un establecimiento residencial

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7. **Mi nombre es** ____________________________________

8. Soy el Administrador y/o Director del siguiente establecimiento residencial de atención a largo plazo o de rehabilitación donde reside el solicitante:

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9. ¿Cómo sabe la información que presenta en esta Declaración Jurada?

   ______________________________________________________

El solicitante es un individuo incapacitado que reside en el establecimiento indicado anteriormente y no puede someter los documentos necesarios para probar su identidad (Pasaporte de los EE.UU., Certificado de Naturalización (N-550 o N-570), Certificado de ciudadanía (N-560 o N-561), documento de identidad del gobierno o del empleo con foto, tarjeta de identidad de una institución educativa con foto, constancia de institución educativa que contenga la fecha y el lugar de nacimiento, constancia de una guardería infantil con la fecha y el lugar de nacimiento, licencia de conducir o cédula de identificación de una persona a cargo de un militar o 3 documentos que confirmen identidad) porque:

   ______________________________________________________

   ______________________________________________________

Afirmo y declaro bajo pena de falso testimonio que la información presentada en esta declaración jurada es verdadera, correcta y completa según mi leal saber y entender.________________________________________________

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