

# **New Medi-Cal Citizenship and Identification Requirements Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

## **What has changed?**

- U.S. citizens and nationals must provide verification of citizenship and identity.
- The verification must be an acceptable original document.
- Providing the verification is a one-time activity, even if the customer is discontinued or moves to another county.

## **Who does this change affect?**

- U.S. citizens
- Naturalized citizens
- U.S. Nationals born in
  - America Samoa
  - Swains Island
  - Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
  - Puerto Rico
  - U.S. Virgin Islands
  - Guam

## **Who is NOT affected by this change?**

- Non-citizens
- Undocumented immigrants
- CalWORKs applicants and recipients
- Minor Consent applicants and recipients
- SSI beneficiaries
- Social Security Disability- (Title II) beneficiaries
- Social Security Retirement and Survivors Insurance (Title II) based on their own disability
- Medicare beneficiaries
- Deemed eligible infants who are born in the U.S. whose delivery was covered by Medi-Cal
- Children receiving adoption benefits and foster care
- Infants eligible under the Abandoned Baby Program who are born in the U.S. and have no documentation
- Presumptive Eligibility or Accelerated Enrollment (However, citizenship and identity requirements will apply when ongoing Medi-Cal is established unless otherwise exempt)

## **When does this change start?**

Alameda County implements this new regulation effective February 15, 2008. It affects:

- Applicants immediately
- Recipients at your next annual renewal

**What documents are required?**

Original or certified copy of one of the following documents is acceptable proof for both U.S. citizenship and identity:

- United States Passport
- Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570)
- Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561)

**OR**

One item from each box below:

<b>Any <u>one</u> item from this list to proved Citizenship</b>	<b>Any <u>one</u> item from this list to prove IDENTITY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ U.S. public birth record (Birth Certificate) issued before age 5</li><li>▪ Certification of Report or Birth Abroad</li><li>▪ U.S. Citizen Identification Card</li><li>▪ American Indian or Northern Mariana Card</li><li>▪ Final Adoption Decree</li><li>▪ Evidence of U.S. civil service employment</li><li>▪ Official military record of service</li><li>▪ Hospital record with time &amp; place of U.S. birth</li><li>▪ Life/Health/Other insurance showing U.S. place of birth</li><li>▪ Census record showing U.S. citizenship or place of birth</li><li>▪ Seneca Indian tribal census record</li><li>▪ Bureau of Indian Affairs tribal census record of the Navajo Indians</li><li>▪ U.S. State Vital Statistics notification of birth registration</li><li>▪ Doctor/Midwife statement who was in attendance at time of birth</li><li>▪ Nursing/medical record indicating U.S. place of birth</li><li>▪ Written affidavit by two people (both have to be verified U.S. citizens and one of them must not be related to you.)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Driver's License including photo</li><li>▪ School ID card with photo</li><li>▪ Federal, state or local government ID card with same information as driver's license</li><li>▪ U.S. Military card or draft record</li><li>▪ Military dependant's ID card</li><li>▪ U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card</li><li>▪ Native American Tribal document</li><li>▪ Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or other U.S. American Indian/Alaska Native Tribal document</li><li>▪ For children under 16, school record or report card, including daycare or nursery school</li><li>▪ For children under 16, clinic, doctor or hospital record</li><li>▪ For children under 18, an Affidavit from parent, as long as no affidavit is used for citizenship.</li></ul>

**What happens if proof is not provided?**

- The individual may receive restricted Medi-Cal benefits until the necessary documentation is received.

**Who will accept the documents?**

- Any Social Services Agency office will accept the documents.
- The person does not need to be present.

**For additional information regarding the new Medi-Cal regulation, please contact your Eligibility Technician who can be reached by phoning (510) 777-2300**

