

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I DON'T HAVE ANY OF THESE THINGS?

- Inquire at your local Health & Welfare office about other ways to document your citizenship and prove your identity.
- Tell us why you cannot get documentation, and give us any documents you may have. We may be able to help you.

## HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE TO SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENTATION TO MEDICAID?

You will be given a reasonable amount of time to provide documentation; "reasonable" is determined on a case-by-case basis. Contact your case worker for more information.



If you have questions, contact the Idaho CareLine at 2-1-1, or the Federal Medicare Hotline at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-926-2588). TTY Users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Information is also available on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Web site:  
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov>



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# Providing Documentation of Citizenship for Medicaid



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## CHANGE IS IN THE AIR!

In the past, if an individual was enrolled in or applied for Medicaid, that individual had to declare that they were a citizen or national of the United States of America.

The State of Idaho now requires all Medicaid applicants and recipients to provide *proof* not only of their citizenship, but also of their identity in order to comply with new Federal regulations. Read further to find out more.

## WHAT CHANGED?

Effective July 1, 2006, Congress passed a new law: Anyone who applies for or currently receives Medicaid must be able to provide the following:

- Documentation that proves they are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national
- Documentation that proves their identity

Individuals enrolled in Medicare, receiving Social Security Supplemental Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSD), or a child in Foster Care, do not have to provide additional documentation.

## WHAT KIND OF DOCUMENTATION DO I NEED?

Each document must be an original or a certified copy of the original. You may not use a notarized copy of your document.

**You may prove your identity and citizenship with one of the following:**

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

If you do not have any of the items listed above, you will need two documents; one document to prove your identity and one document to prove your citizenship.



**You may prove your identity with one of the following:**

- Current state driver's license or state identity card complete with photograph
- School identification card
- Federal, state, tribal or local government identification card
- U.S. Military identification card

**You may prove you are a citizen with one of the following:**

- Birth Certificate
- Report or Certification of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen (Form FS-240 or FS-545)
- U.S. Citizen I.D. Card (DHS Form I-197)
- Adoption papers
- Military records that show your place of birth