Changes in Medi-Cal
Proof of Citizenship and Identity Requirements

For Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Who Are U.S. Citizens or Nationals

A new law says most Medi-Cal beneficiaries must show proof of citizenship *and* proof of identity. **These U.S. citizens and nationals do *not* have to provide proof of citizenship and identity:**

- Anyone getting Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Anyone getting Medicare
- Anyone age 14–21 asking for Minor Consent Services
- Babies under age one born to women who are on Medi-Cal
- Children in Title IV-E Foster Care or Title IV-E Adoption Assistance
- Babies in the Abandoned Baby Program

← If you are a U.S. citizen or national and **not** in one of these groups, you *must* provide proof of citizenship and identity. See below.

Many kinds of proof of citizenship and identity are acceptable.

Look for a list of acceptable proof in your annual redetermination packet. The easiest way to provide *both* proof of citizenship and identity is with **one** of these documents:

- U.S. Passport (issued without limitation), *or*
- Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570), *or*
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)

If you do *not* have one of these documents, you will have to provide both proof of citizenship and identity. Ask your local social services office or eligibility worker for a list of acceptable documents.

We may be able to get proof of citizenship for you.

If you were born in California, the county can ask for your birth record. (A birth record is proof of citizenship.) If the county finds your birth record, you must still provide proof of identity.

When is the deadline to provide proof of citizenship and identity?

You must provide this proof at the next annual redetermination of your Medi-Cal eligibility.

Will my Medi-Cal benefits continue?

Your benefits will continue if you are eligible and make a reasonable effort to provide proof of citizenship and identity.

Important! You must tell your eligibility worker you are trying to get the proof.

Do I have to provide proof every year?

No. You only need to provide the proof once

Need help?
If you have questions about proof of citizenship or identity, call your local social services office or eligibility worker.

For Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Who Are <u>NOT</u> U.S. Citizens or Nationals

If you are not a United States citizen or national, your documentation rules have **not** changed. You only need to provide the same documents that were required before.