

**DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO. ECONOMIC AND FAMILY SERVICES 6-2009
(Work First)**

TO: COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ATTENTION Work First Program Managers and Supervisors
DATE: July 30, 2009
SUBJECT: Verification of Citizenship
EFFECTIVE DATE August 1, 2009

I. General Information

On February 4, 2009 the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 was signed into law. One of the provisions to the Act allows for babies born in U.S. hospitals whose delivery was covered by Medicaid to be exempt from having to provide further verification of citizenship. These children are citizens by definition of being born in a U.S. hospital and their mother was covered by Medicaid for their birth; additional verification of their citizenship is no longer required. This also applies to children who were born in a U.S. hospital whose delivery is covered by Medicaid and the mother is a non-citizen.

II. Implementation Instructions

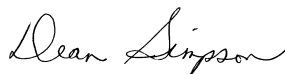
Documentation of automatic newborn eligibility verifies the child is a U.S. citizen. A screen print from the Eligibility Information System (EIS), Individual Eligibility screen, or verification from another DSS agency verifying Medicaid covered the delivery of the child can be used to document citizenship.

Apply this policy at the next review, application, or change in situation and to applications and reviews presently in process.

III. Effective Date

This policy is effective August 1, 2009. Should there be additional questions, please contact your Work First Representative.

Sincerely,



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