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## Verification of Child's Citizenship and Age

Federal rules require families to verify the citizenship or immigration status and age of each child. Please provide the following to meet this requirement:

- Birth Certificate (United States or its possessions) or
- Hospital or public health birth record signed by a physician or authorized hospital representative. This must show the city and state of child's birth.

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If you cannot provide one of the documents listed above, you can give us one of the following documents:

- Current U.S. Passport
- Church or Baptismal record (United States or its possessions)
- TIERS Print Screen showing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) benefits or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and including the household members and their dates of birth
- Copy of the current Medicaid card showing the child's name and date of birth

If you do not have any of the records listed above, you can use a combination of the records listed below that prove your child's citizenship and age separately.

### Documents that verify citizenship

#### U.S Citizen

- Baptismal Certificate (if place of birth is shown)
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (N-561)
- Native American Tribal Document/Card (Form I-872)

#### Immigrant/"Qualified Alien"

- Naturalization Certification
- Lawful Permanent Resident: Alien Registration Receipt Card – "Green Card"

### AND Documents that verify age

- Adoption papers
- Divorce and/or court custody decrees (***If you are not the biological parent, refer to the enclosed In Loco Parentis Matrix***)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs or Tribal records
- Immigration and Naturalization Service records
- Child support paternity records
- School records/identification card

***Note: If you do not have any of the documents listed above, please contact our office (800)234-9306 for other documents that may be used to verify citizenship and age of your child(ren).***