

# PROVIDER QuickTip

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Are You a Medical Assistance (MA) Provider who...  
...applies for Medicaid coverage on behalf of individuals?  
...assists individuals applying for MA?

Please read information below regarding

## Federal Medicaid Citizenship and Identity Eligibility Requirements

- o **Medical Assistance Bulletin Number 99-06-07- Federal Medicaid Citizenship and Identity Eligibility** issued July 24, 2006, effective July 1, 2006
- o Attachment A: U.S. Citizenship and Identity Desk Guide View
- o Attachment B: Citizenship and Identity Information Form - PA 1809 on the Department of Public Welfare's (DPW) web site at <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/General/Bulletins/003673169.aspx?BulletinDetailId=1514>

Effective July 1, 2006, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) (Public Law No. 109-171) requires an individual who declares to be a citizen or national of the U.S. to present satisfactory documentation to establish both citizenship or nationality and identity when initially applying for Medicaid (or upon a recipient's next Medicaid re-determination or renewal).

## MA enrolled providers that apply for Medicaid coverage on behalf of or assist individuals applying for Medicaid in completing MA applications:

- o Must include photocopies of the documents described in Attachment A of MA Bulletin Number 99-06-07 as proof of citizenship and identity when submitting MA applications.
- o If you have questions about the information and documents described in Attachment A, you may contact the local County Assistance Office (CAO).
- o If the applicant or recipient cannot produce the necessary documents as described in Attachment A, the provider is urged to work with the applicant or recipient to gather the information requested on the Citizenship and Identify Information Form and submit a copy of the completed form with the application for MA to the CAO.

Providers may make photocopies of Attachment B of MA Bulletin Number 99-06-07 for continued use until the Department has updated all applications and the on-line COMPASS (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Access to Social Services) application.

Please Note: **Medical Assistance Bulletin Number 03-06-10** was issued July 28, 2006 effective July 1, 2006 to provide additional clarification and instructions to **nursing facilities** regarding recent federal eligibility changes for Medical Assistance (MA) applicants and recipients about citizenship and identity requirements.