



Louisiana Medicaid Has Important Information For YOU!

Beginning **July 1, 2006**, a new federal law says that we must see

- 1. proof of U.S. citizenship and**
- 2. proof of identity**

for **everyone** who applies for Medicaid and for **everyone** who already gets Medicaid. You must bring in or mail the **original papers or certified copies** of the originals to a Medicaid office. We cannot accept photocopies.

A U.S. PASSPORT (current or expired) **proves both citizenship and identity.**

If you do not have a U.S. Passport, you will need one document from the CITIZENSHIP group and one document from the IDENTITY group below.

CITIZENSHIP

If you do not have a U.S. Passport, then we will accept:

- An original or certified copy of your birth certificate or “certification of birth” card from the State Office of Vital Records **or**
- Adoption papers from a state-approved adoption agency

If you cannot get an official birth record, we will accept:

- A hospital birth record (more than 5 years old) on the hospital’s stationery, or
- An insurance record (more than 5 years old) that shows the place of birth

If you do not have these records and were born in Louisiana, we **MAY be able to help – you need to let us know**

IDENTITY

If you do not have a U.S. Passport, then we will accept:

- A valid (current) driver’s license or state ID card (with photo)
- A school ID card (with photo)
- For children under 16, an affidavit signed by the parent or guardian
- Nursery or day care records (children under age 16 only)
- U.S. Military or draft card or military dependent ID card
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or American Indian Tribal document
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card

The information on this flyer reflects policy in effect on 6/29/06 and is subject to change.

For a complete list of documents we can accept for people born in and outside of the United States, visit our website at www.Medicaid.DHH.Louisiana.gov or call your local Medicaid office.

☎ If you need help, call your local Medicaid office or 1-888-342-6207 (TTY 1-800-220-5404). The call is free.