

# Acceptable Citizenship and Identity Documents for Medical Assistance, RIte Care or RIte Share

Federal Law now requires U.S. Citizens who apply for or receive Medical Assistance, RIte Care or RIte Share to show proof of their citizenship and identity.

**You can prove your citizenship and identity (primary level) with a U.S. Passport, Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of U.S. Citizenship OR if you don't have a U.S. Passport, Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of U.S. Citizenship, you must submit ONE identity document and ONE citizenship document from the list below.**

## Identity Documentation

- Driver's license with photo
- School I.D. card with photo
- U.S. military card or draft record
- I.D. card issued by federal, state or local government with photo
- Military dependent's I.D. card
- Native American Tribal document
- U. S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or other U. S. American Indian/Alaskan Native tribal document with photo
- For children under age 16 - parent or guardian signature verifying child's identity and place of birth

## Second Level Citizenship Documentation

- U.S. birth certificate (If you were born in RI, you may obtain your birth certificate from the city/town hall in which you were born, from the city/town hall where you resided at birth, or from the State Office of Vital Records. For more information, log on to [www.health.ri.gov](http://www.health.ri.gov) or call 222-2811. If you were born outside of RI, you can call 1.866.441.NCHS or log on to <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm> )
- A Certificate of Report of Birth (DS-1350)
- A report of a Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen (FS-240)
- Certificate of birth issued by the Department of State (FS-545 or DS-1350)
- U.S. Citizen I.D. Card (I-197)
- Northern Mariana I.D. Card (I-873)
- American Indian Card (I-872) with KIC code
- Final Adoption decree with child's name and U.S. place of birth
- Evidence of U.S. Civil Service employment before 6/1/1976
- U.S. Military Record showing U.S. place of birth

## Third Level Citizenship Documentation

- Hospital record created at time of birth showing U.S. place of birth
- Life, health or other insurance record showing U.S. place of birth that was created at least 5 (five) years prior to application for Medical Assistance/RIte Care/RIte Share

## Fourth Level Citizenship Documentation (only to be used in rare circumstances)

- Federal or state census record showing U.S. Citizenship or U.S. place of birth
- One of the following documents that shows a U.S. place of birth and was created at least 5 (five) years prior to application for Medical Assistance/RIte Care/RIte Share
  - Seneca Indian tribal census
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal census record for Navajo Indians
  - U.S. State Vital Statistics official notification of birth registration
  - An amended U.S. public birth record that is amended more than 5 (five) years after the person's birth
  - Statement signed by physician or midwife who was in attendance at the time of birth
  - Medical (clinic, doctor or hospital) record—does not include immunization record
- Institutional admission papers from a nursing facility, skilled care facility or other institution
- Written affidavit from 2 (two) different people (one person can't be related to applicant and each must show proof of their own identity and citizenship)

**For more information,** contact your health plan -- UnitedHealthcare 1-800-587-5187, Neighborhood Health Plan of RI 1-800-459-6019, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island, 401-274-3500 or 1-800-564-0888 -- or the DHS Infoline at 462-5300.