

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Native American Documentation

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The purpose of this GIS message is to clarify Medicaid documentation policy for Native Americans applying for Medicaid benefits.

All Native Americans born in the United States are U.S. citizens and will have the same types of documentation as do other citizens.

Native Americans born outside the United States are eligible for Medicaid without regard to immigration status restrictions, if they are a Native American who was born in Canada and who is at least fifty percent Native American blood or if they are members of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

A Canadian born Native American will have one of the following documents:

- I-94 coded S13;
- Tribal record;
- Birth or Baptismal Certificate issued on a reservation;
- Letter From Canadian Department of Indian Affairs; or
- School records.

A Native American who was born outside the United States and belongs to a federally recognized tribe will have:

- a tribal membership card; or
- other tribal document.

The tribal membership card demonstrates membership in a U.S. federally recognized Indian tribe. For the purposes of Medicaid eligibility, Medicaid will accept a tribal membership card, with a date of birth, as proof of age, identity and citizenship status.

A list of federally recognized Indian tribes is included in the Federal Register: July 12, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 134) pages 46327-46333.

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