

AHCCCS members and applicants are now required to provide additional documentation of U.S. citizenship and identity to continue health insurance coverage

Due to a change in Federal law, AHCCCS members and applicants who are United States (U.S.) citizens must provide additional proof of United States citizenship and identity when renewing or applying for AHCCCS health insurance, including the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCs) and the KidsCare program.

When does this start?

July 1, 2006

Who does this new law affect?

All AHCCCS and KidsCare members and applicants claiming U.S. citizenship.

Information for AHCCCS members

- New proof of citizenship and identity requirements apply to renewals due July 1, 2006 or later.
- AHCCCS or DES will send letters to members before their next scheduled renewal to explain these new requirements.
- For members receiving SSI Cash benefits, they do not have to provide additional documentation to AHCCCS or DES, as they already met these requirements through the Social Security Administration.

Information for AHCCCS applicants

- New requirements must be met by U.S. Citizens applying for eligibility in July 2006 and later.

Need help?

AHCCCS and DES are here to help with questions, concerns, and specific member or applicant situations. Call the local AHCCCS eligibility office or the AHCCCS number listed below for assistance. For AHCCCS members who receive their health insurance through DES, call the DES number below.

AHCCCS:

Maricopa County, 602-417-7000 or Outside Maricopa County, 1-800-962-6690

DES:

Maricopa County 602-542-9935 or Outside Maricopa County, 1-800-352-8401

KidsCare:

Maricopa County, 602-417-5437 or Outside Maricopa County, 1-877-764-5437

On the web

AHCCCS (www.azahcccs.gov)
Department of Economic Security (www.azdes.gov)

What documents are required?

There are 4 documents acceptable for both proof of U.S. citizenship and identity.

- U.S. (United States) Passport
- U.S. Naturalization Certificate issued by USCIS*
- Certificate of Citizenship issued by USCIS*
- For children under 19 only, an Affidavit attesting citizenship & identity from a blood relative, adoptive parent, or legal guardian (available after 7/1/06).

—OR—

If a member or applicant does not have 1 of the 4 items above, then 1 item from each box below must be provided:

Any <u>one</u> item from this list to prove U.S. citizenship:	Any <u>one</u> item from this list to prove identity:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate • U.S. Citizen ID card issued by USCIS* • Hospital Record of birth in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands or Guam (in some cases) • Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad issued by USCIS* or the State Department • Religious record with place of birth recorded within 3 months of birth • Adults: Affidavit attesting citizenship by 2 blood relatives who verify date and place of birth in U.S. or its territories • American Indian card issued by USCIS with a classification code of KIC • Northern Mariana Identification card issued by USCIS to a naturalized citizen born before November 3, 1986 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver's License • State issued ID card or other Photo ID issued by federal, state or local government • Tribal government issued ID • Tribal documents • Clinic, doctor or hospital record (under 18 only) • Day care or nursery school record (under 18 only) • Voter Registration Card • School ID with picture • U.S. Military ID, U.S. Military Dependent ID or U.S. Military Draft Record • U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Marine Card • Other government ID (if without picture, the card must include identifying information) • An affidavit to acknowledge the identity of the member or applicant

What if a member or applicant does not have the required documents?

To obtain required documents, members and applicants should contact agencies, such as:

- AZ Department of Health Services-Vital Records (Birth Certificates)
On the web: www.azdhs.gov or by phone at 1-888-816-5907
- *U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) (Naturalization Documents)
On the web: www.uscis.gov or by phone: 1-800-375-5283
- Tribal governments (Tribal ID)
- For more online information and resources, go to www.az211.gov

This policy is subject to change based on information AHCCCS receives from the Federal government