

OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION STATUS

CITIZENS

HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

Homeless individuals often need assistance from the eligibility worker in obtaining acceptable proof of identity, citizenship or immigration status. When the applicant is a homeless individual, it may be difficult for him/her to establish his or her identity, citizenship or immigration status. However, just because an individual is homeless, she/he still must be identified. Proving one's citizenship is a requirement of the Medicaid program.

The eligibility worker may accept any of the aforementioned documents listed in the citizenship section above or in the attached desk aide, as proof of citizenship for the homeless individual.

NOTE: If an individual is unable to verify his or her identity, citizenship or immigration status, workers should not assume she/he is therefore eligible for coverage of an emergency medical condition.

“JOHN/JANE DOE”

A Medicaid application submitted by a “John/Jane Doe” individual (i.e., an individual who is unable to verify his or her identity) should be evaluated in the same manner as any other Medicaid applicant, that is, these individuals are required to meet the same documentation requirements as any other Medicaid applicant. A true “John/Jane Doe” individual is not eligible for Medicaid coverage for the treatment of an emergency medical condition. Verification of identity is a requirement for this coverage and all other covered services.