

Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) Eligibility Citizenship & Immigration

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Citizenship & Immigration



Citizenship and Immigration

All Apple Health applicants must provide their citizenship/immigration status, which determines what program applicants are eligible for.

Individuals fall into one of the following groups:

- U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, Qualifying American Indian born abroad
- Lawfully Present Qualified Non-Citizens
- Lawfully Present Nonqualified Non-Citizens
- Immigrants Who Are not Lawfully Present

See WAC 182-503-0535



Citizenship & Immigration Groups

The different categories include:

U.S. Citizen:

- Individuals born in the U.S. or its territories Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and residents of the Northern Mariana Islands who chose to become U.S. citizens
- Individuals who have become naturalized U.S. citizens
- Certain individuals born abroad to at least one U.S. citizen



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U.S. National:

 Individuals born in American Samoa or Swains Island and residents of the Northern Mariana Islands who did not choose to become U.S. citizens

Qualifying American Indian born abroad:

- Born in Canada and has at least fifty percent American Indian blood, regardless of tribal membership; or
- Born outside of the U.S. and is a member of a federally recognized tribe or an Alaska Native enrolled by the Secretary of the Interior under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.



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Qualified Non-Citizen:

 Individuals who are lawfully present in the U.S. and must meet or are exempt from the five year bar

Nonqualified Non-Citizen:

 Individuals who are lawfully present in the U.S. whose status is not included in the qualified non-citizen category

Immigrants Who Are not Lawfully Present

 Individuals who entered the U.S. without document inspection or who entered the U.S. lawfully but whose status has expired or been revoked by United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS)

Citizenship/Alien Status	Potentially Eligible:	Not Eligible:
U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, and Qualifying American Indians Born Abroad	 Apple Health for Kids Apple Health for Pregnant Women Apple Health for Adults Classic Medicaid Purchase QHP in HPF HIPTC if a tax filer 	Medical Care Services (MCS) Alien Emergency Medical (AEM)
2. Lawfully Present Qualified Aliens ➤ 5-Year Bar Met or Exempt	 Apple Health for Kids Apple Health for Pregnant Women Apple Health for Adults Classic Medicaid Purchase QHP in HPF HIPTC if a tax filer 	• MCS • AEM
➤ 5-Year Bar Required and Not Met	 Apple Health for Kids Apple Health for Pregnant Women MCS AEM Purchase QHP in HPF HIPTC if a tax filer 	Apple Health for Adults Classic Medicaid
3. Lawfully Present Non- Qualified Aliens	 Apple Health for Kids Apple Health for Pregnant Women MCS AEM Purchase QHP in HPF HIPTC if a tax filer 	Apple Health for Adults Classic Medicaid
4. Undocumented Immigrants	 Apple Health for Kids Apple Health for Pregnant Women AEM 	 Apple Health for Adults Classic Medicaid MCS Purchase QHP in HPF HIPTC

Washington State
Health Care Authority

The Citizen
and NonCitizen Guide
shows which
programs an
individual may
potentially be
eligible for.



Citizenship & Immigration Qualified Immigrants

The five year bar applies to the following individuals:

- Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR)
- Parolees granted parole for at least one year
- Abused spouses with children with an I-130 notice of "prima facie" approval or a pending approved self-petition under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Admitted to the U.S. as a conditional entrant prior to April 1, 1980



Citizenship & Immigration Qualified Immigrants

A lawfully present qualified non-citizen is exempt from the five year bar if they were:

- Admitted to the U.S. as a refugee
- Granted asylum
- Granted withholding of deportation or removal
- A Cuban or Haitian national who was paroled into the U.S. or given other special status
- An Amerasian child of a U.S. citizen under 8 C.F.R Section 204.4(a)



Citizenship & Immigration Qualified Immigrants

- From Iraq or Afghanistan who have been granted special immigrant status
- Certified or approved as a victim of trafficking by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, or if they are family
- Armed service members, veterans or family members who are LPR, parolee or abused person
- Hmong (or Highland Laotian) tribe members born before May 8, 1975 whose tribe assisted the U.S. military during the Vietnam era and their spouse and unmarried dependent children age 18 or younger



Citizenship & Immigration Nonqualified Immigrants

Lawfully present nonqualified non-citizens include but are not limited to:

- Citizens of Marshall Islands, Micronesia or Palau
- Business visitors, students and tourists entering the U.S. for limited time, for a specific purpose
- Fiancé of a citizen
- Immigrants paroled into the U.S. for less than one year



Citizenship & Immigration Nonqualified Immigrants

Lawfully present nonqualified non-citizens include but are not limited to:

- K", "S", "U" or "V" status visa holders who are allowed to work and eventually adjust their status to LPR
- Cancellation of removal, suspension of deportation granted or deferred action (with the exception of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA))



Citizenship & Immigration Not Lawfully Present Immigrants

Individuals who enter the US and are not lawfully present or entered legally but their lawful presence status has expired could qualify for some Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) programs.

Washington Healthplanfinder



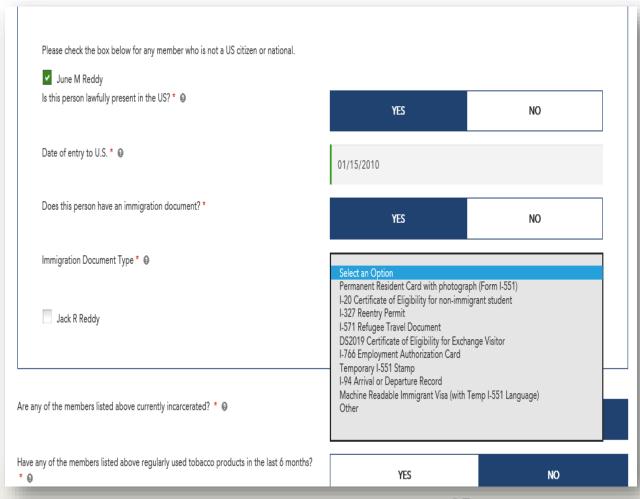
How to Report Lawful Presence

When applicants attest to being lawfully present, they will need to provide their immigration documentation details on their application. This will allow the system to try to automatically verify the information.

It is important to know what resources you have available when assisting individuals with reporting their status, entry dates, and any identifying numbers associated with their lawful presence status.



Lawful Presence



There are a number of documents an individual could have associated to their immigration status.

Depending on the document, additional details will be needed such as alien number, USCIS number, expiration dates, etc.



How to Report Lawful Presence – Permanent Resident Card



Alien Number

Date of Entry

Receipt Number The USCIS receipt number starts with three letters followed by a series of numbers (usually 10).

The number is located on the back of the customer's card.

On some cards the receipt number could be located on the front.



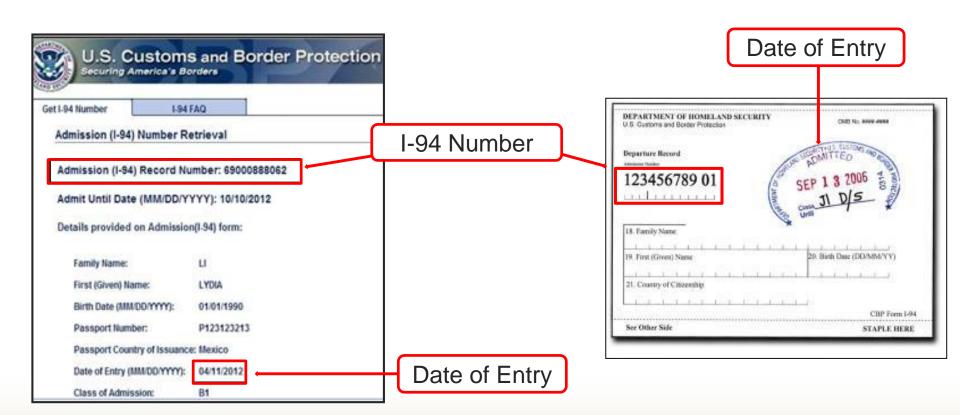
How to Report Lawful Presence – Permanent Resident Card

✓ June M Reddy	
Is this person lawfully present in the US? * •	YES NO
Date of entry to U.S. * @	01/15/2010
Does this person have an immigration document? *	YES NO
Immigration Document Type * 	Permanent Resident Card with photograph (Form I-551)
Alien Number *	Alien Number
Receipt Number *	Receipt Number
Jack R Reddy	



How to Report Lawful Presence I-94

The following are two different examples of the I-94:





How to Report Lawful Presence I-94

June M Reddy		
Is this person lawfully present in the US? * 😡	YES	NO
Date of entry to U.S. ★	01/15/2010	
Does this person have an immigration document? *	YES	NO
Immigration Document Type * @	I-94 Arrival or Departure Record	-
-94 Number *	I-94 Number	
Sevis ID	Sevis ID	
Does this person have a foreign passport? *	YES	NO



U.S. Visa





U.S. Visa

Please check the box below for any member who is not a US citizen or national. June M Reddy				
Is this person lawfully present in the US? *	YES	NO		
Date of entry to U.S. ★ ❷	01/01/2015			
Does this person have an immigration document? *	YES	NO		
Immigration Document Type * •	Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with Temp I-551 Language)			
Alien Number *	Alien Number			
Visa Number	Visa Number			
Document Expiry Date	E.g.: MM/DD/YYYY			
Does this person have a foreign passport? *	YES	NO		
Passport number *	E.g.: 1234567890			
Country of Issuance *	Select an Option ▼			
Passport Expiry Date *	E.g.: MM/DD/YYYY			
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Warning Modal

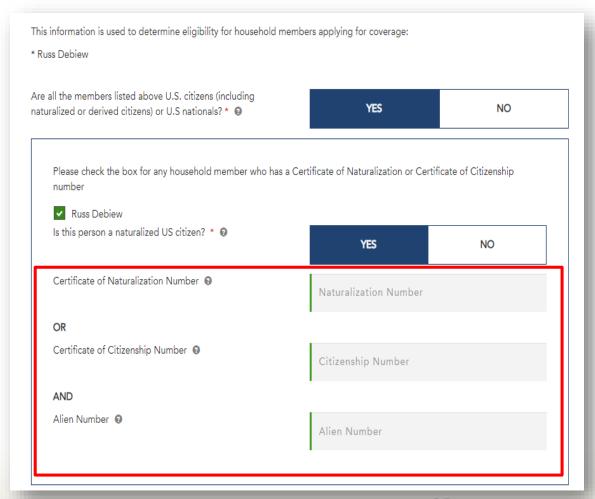
Naturalized citizens answer "Yes" to the question to indicate they're a U.S. citizen. At the end of the application, they may get this alert:



Select the Update Citizenship button to return to the previous screen to update the individual's citizenship information.



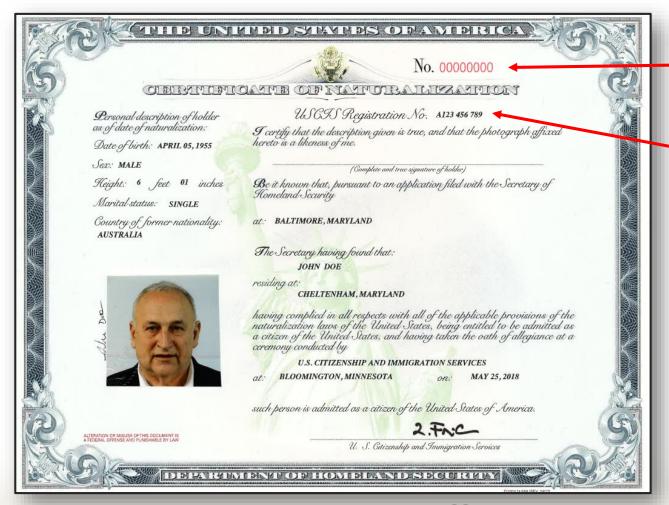
Naturalized Citizenship



Naturalized citizens need to return to this page to enter either their Certificate of Naturalization number or Certificate of Citizenship Number and Alien Number.



Certificate of Naturalization



Certificate number

Alien number



Certificate of Citizenship



Certificate number

Alien number

Scenarios



Eligibility Results

Part of the application flow includes behind-the-scenes data checks with the federal hub. The federal hub verifies certain data such as Social Security Numbers and lawful presence.

Washington Healthplanfinder sends all the data to the Eligibility Service (ES) to determine eligibility for health care coverage.

If an applicant's citizenship or immigration status cannot be verified by the federal hub, and they are otherwise eligible for Apple Health, they are approved Apple Health and given time to provide verification.



Scenario One

Application

Rose completes a Washington Healthplanfinder application and reports the following:

- Household size: One
- Income: \$500 a month from her job
- Lawful Presence: Permanent resident but the federal hub cannot verify the information

What is the outcome for this scenario?



Scenario One

Outcome: Rose is approved Washington Apple Health for Adults and is given time to provide proof of her immigration status.

Next Steps: Rose receives a letter requesting verification of her lawful presence. She uploads a copy of her permanent resident card to her Washington Healthplanfinder document center.

HCA staff verifies her immigration status and updates Rose's application to show her immigration status is verified.

Rose receives a letter confirming there are no changes to her eligibility.



Scenario Two

Application

Britney is pregnant and reports the following on her Washington Healthplanfinder application:

- Household Size: Two (herself plus unborn)
- Income: \$1500 a month from her job
- Lawful Presence: Not a citizen or lawfully present

What is the outcome for this scenario?



Scenario Two

Outcome: Britney is approved for Washington Apple Health for Pregnant Women.

Next Steps: Britney will receive Apple Health for the duration of her pregnancy plus two months of post-partum coverage.

Her newborn will be a U.S. citizen and be eligible for Washington Apple Health for Kids once added to Britney's application.



Scenario Three

Application

Justin submits his Washington Healthplanfinder application in December and attests to the following:

- Household Size: One
- Income: \$1800 a month from his job
- Lawful Presence: Naturalized U.S. citizen, but not verified by the federal hub

What is the outcome for this scenario?



Scenario Three

Outcome: Justin is denied Washington Apple Health for Adults because he is over income. He is conditionally eligible for a qualified health plan with tax credits and selects a plan.

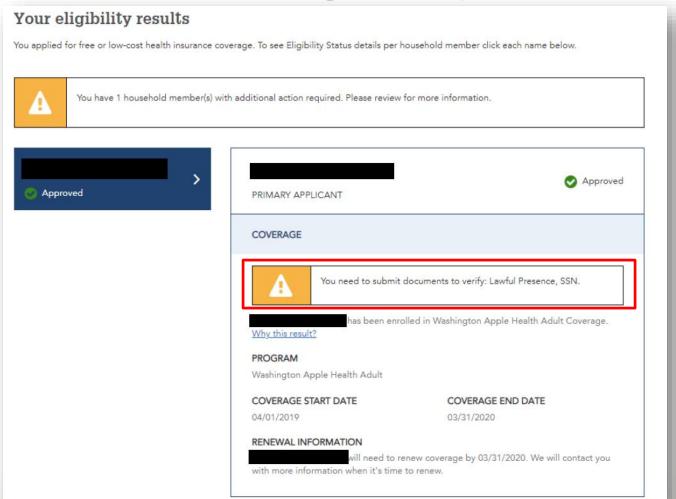
Next Steps: Justin receives an Eligibility Results letter showing the reason he is not eligible for Apple Health, but is eligible for a qualified health plan.

He must provide proof of his income and naturalization status since he is conditionally eligible for tax credits.

Verification



Eligibility Results



A banner will display on the Eligibility Results screen when individuals need to submit documents for verification purposes.





07/23/2019

Application ID:

Important Deadline to Submit Information

Dear

Act now! We need more information about one or more household members.

You or others in your household still need to send one or more document copies to prove your eligibility for coverage or financial help. If we do not get these documents by the dates below, you or other individuals in your household could lose or be denied coverage, or have changes to the financial help you may be getting.

Washington Apple Health	- Verification Needed
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Individual Name	Verification Pending	Documents Due By
	Lawful Presence	08/07/2019
	Social Security Number	08/07/2019

This is an example of a letter requesting information.

The table displays what is needed for verification purposes and the due date.



How to Submit

Individuals are given 15 days to provide requested information.

The information can be submitted by:

Email: <u>Apple@hca.wa.gov</u>

• Fax: (855) 867-4467

Mail: Health Care Authority
 Po Box 45531
 Olympia, WA 98504

Online: www.wahealthplanfinder.org

HCA may grant additional time upon request.

Resources



Resources

HCA Training & Education

hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/stakeholder-training-and-education

Citizenship and Immigration

<u>hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/citizenship-and-immigration-status-general</u>

Residency Requirements

hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/residency

Community Based Training

hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/community-based-training

HCA Area Representatives

hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/area_representatives.pdf