

# Important new MaineCare law!

**To get or keep MaineCare, you may have to show proof of your citizenship and your identity.\***

**\*This does not apply to legal immigrants!**

A new federal law makes some people who have MaineCare, and some people who apply for MaineCare, show the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) documents to prove both their U.S. citizenship and their identity. This law is for both adults and children.

## **People who do NOT have to prove their citizenship or their identity are:**

- People with Medicare
- People with Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- People with Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Legal immigrants, such as people with “green cards” and refugees
- Foster children

**\*\*Important\*\*** If you were ever in one of these groups in the past, you also do not have to give proof of your citizenship or identity. However, you will need to tell your MaineCare Eligibility Specialist that you used to be in one of these groups.

## **You can prove your CITIZENSHIP with:**

- A U.S. Passport (this also proves identity)
- A U.S. birth certificate
- Adoption Papers
- Official Military Record of Service that shows U.S. place of birth

## **You can prove your IDENTITY with:**

- U.S. passport (this also proves citizenship)
- State driver’s license or State identity card
- School ID card with a photo
- Native American Tribal Document
- U.S. Military identification card, if it shows where you were born
- Affidavit, if age 15 and younger (Children age 15 and younger with no document to prove identity can have a parent fill out a form called an affidavit. This affidavit will prove identity for the child.)

Even if you don’t have any of the documents listed, there are other ways to show DHHS your citizenship and your identity. For questions or to get help applying for a document you need to prove citizenship or identity, call the DHHS Citizenship and Identity Hotline. They may even be able to help you with funding!

**Maine DHHS Citizenship and Identity Hotline: 1-800-701-1887**

**Questions or problems? Call Maine Equal Justice Partners at 1-866-626-7059.**