



MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY HANDBOOK

CITIZEN/ALIEN

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322.1 GENERAL POLICY

The CAO will determine the citizenship or alien status of each person who is included in the applicant/recipient group. The following persons are eligible for full Medical Assistance (MA) benefits, if they meet all other eligibility conditions:

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- < United States (US) citizens.
- < Refugees. See Chapter 730, Refugees. **and**
- < Certain lawfully admitted aliens. See [Section 322.3](#), Alien Status.

An alien, who does not meet the requirements to receive full MA benefits, may receive limited MA benefits if he has an emergency medical condition. See [Section 322.32](#), Emergency Medical Services.

NOTE: A child born to an illegal alien mother whose delivery and labor were covered by MA and a child born to a lawful alien mother temporarily admitted to the US whose labor and delivery were covered by MA are eligible for MA for one year from the date of birth under the same conditions as a child born to a citizen. See [Chapter 338](#), Medical Assistance Benefits, [Section 338.41](#), Medical for Newborns.

If the CAO determines that a client is an alien, it will determine his current immigration status with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The immigration status of each alien is determined on an individual basis.

NOTE: A minor noncitizen child is not granted lawful alien status unless the parent has applied for legal status on behalf of the child.

EXCEPTION: Verification of immigration status is not required if the alien is applying for MA for an emergency medical condition.

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The income and resources of an alien who is an LRR and who is not receiving MA are deemed available to the applicant/recipient group. See [Chapter 355](#), Deeming Income and Resources.

The CAO will determine the eligibility of an alien by applying the same MA requirements as it would for any other MA client.