

- ~~< Alien Registration Card (I-551). This document is provided to an ELA after the ELA has been granted permanent resident status. The five year IRCA bar for AFDC related MA benefits still applies. **and**~~
- ~~< Application for Status under INA Sec. 210 (I-700).~~

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~~When an alien admitted under IRCA is subsequently granted permanent resident status, he must provide verification of the change in his status. The five year IRCA bar for AFDC related MA benefits still applies even though the ELA has been granted permanent resident status~~

~~The alien status codes that identify IRCA aliens are W16, W26, W36, S16, and S26. Alien status codes appear on the SAVE primary verification (ASVI) printout and may appear on the alien's INS documentation. See the Supplemental Handbook, SAVE Procedures, Chapter 740.~~

322.32 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

An illegal alien, lawful temporary alien, or undocumented alien may receive MA to cover an emergency medical condition. An emergency medical condition is a medical condition with acute symptoms of such severity, including severe pain, that without immediate attention, the result may be:

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- < that the patient's health is in serious jeopardy;
- < serious impairment to bodily functions; **or**
- < serious dysfunction of any body organ or part.

An emergency medical condition includes labor and delivery services. An emergency medical condition does not include care and services related to organ transplant procedures.

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NOTE: Federal funding will not be denied for services related to an organ transplant procedure if all other requirements are met and if the transplant procedure was furnished before August 10, 1995.

NOTE: If after an organ transplant procedure has taken place, the person is in need of emergency life threatening services related to the organ transplant but not part of the actual transplant, the emergency service may be considered as an emergency medical service, if all other conditions are met.

The alien must verify that an emergency medical condition exists by providing a written statement from a medical provider. The written statement must:

- < identify the emergency medical condition;
- < specify that the medical treatment was necessary because of the medical condition;
and
- < provide a date on which the emergency is expected to end.

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NOTE: The CAO may make a collateral contact with the medical provider to obtain the information. If a collateral contact is made, the CAO will record the information in the record.

The alien in need of emergency medical services must meet all other eligibility requirements.

EXCEPTION: The alien is not required to:

- = sign the Citizenship/Alienage Declaration form;
- = verify alien status; **or**
- = verify his Social Security number.

The CAO will authorize MA as noncontinuous eligibility (NCE) to cover only the period of time required to treat the emergency medical condition. MA for an emergency medical condition may be authorized from the onset of treatment until the condition causing the emergency is no longer an emergency. Care provided after the emergency ceases is not covered by MA.

EXAMPLE: For labor and delivery services, the CAO will authorize MA beginning the date active labor begins and ending the date delivery is complete and the mother and child are stabilized. There is no postpartum coverage. If the pregnant woman was granted alien status under IRCA, see [Section 322.31](#).

NOTE: The pregnant alien's child, if born in the US, is a citizen. The CAO will review the newborn's eligibility for benefits.

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.

When authorizing emergency medical services, the CAO will assign a citizenship code of 03 to an alien who is lawfully admitted to the US for a specified period of time, or citizenship code 05 to an illegal or undocumented alien. The CAO will assign program status code 00 when authorizing emergency medical benefits. If the individual is an illegal alien with no SSN, the data entry for TPL for the Social Security Number should be 199-99-9999.