

~~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.~~

~~55 Pa. Code
150.11(e)~~

~~**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.~~

322.33 VERIFICATION OF ALIEN STATUS

Each alien must provide documentation of his alien status. The status of an alien is established when the person presents a current alien registration card or other written evidence from INS indicating that he is legally residing in the country.

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Each alien registered with the INS is assigned an alien registration number. This number, known as the Alien Number, A Number, or file number will be needed by INS if information is requested. The CAO will record the alien number in the case record.

If the alien presents an INS document which is expired or the expiration date is less than one year from the date of issuance, the CAO will contact INS to determine whether INS intends to enforce the departure of the alien. See the Alien Status Chart in [322, Appendix A](#) for a list of those aliens for which contact with INS is required before full MA benefits are authorized. If departure is to be enforced, the alien is not residing in the US under color of law and is eligible for emergency medical benefits only.

NOTE: If the only document provided by the alien is a letter from INS, the CAO will verify the status of the alien by contacting INS.

If documentation is not immediately available, the CAO will accept the person's statement that he is lawfully residing in the country. If otherwise eligible, the person may receive MA pending verification with INS. The alien must provide verification of eligible status within 30 days of the MA open date.

55 Pa. Code
150.31(b)

In addition to the documentation provided by the alien, the CAO will send a Document Verification Request (INS Form G-845) to INS to verify each alien's lawful status.

EXCEPTION: Verification of status from INS is not required for emergency medical benefits.

The CAO will complete and submit the G-845 as follows:

1. Obtain the alien registration number from the alien's documentation.
2. Complete the top portion of the form and attach photocopies of the alien's documentation, front and back, to the request.
3. Retain copies of the alien's documentation, front and back, and the G-845, as completed by the CAO, in the case record.
4. Mail the G-845 to the INS at the appropriate address listed in 322, Appendix B.

The CAO will continue MA benefits while verification from INS is pending. When the G-845 is returned from INS, the CAO will determine if the alien is correctly receiving benefits. The CAO will retain a copy of the G-845 and the document used to verify alien status in the record. If lawful alien status is verified, it is not necessary to verify this item again unless the client states his status has changed.

EXCEPTION: For aliens admitted under IRCA, the CAO will verify alien status at each redetermination.

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When the CAO determines that an alien is not eligible for MA because he does not meet the citizen/alien requirements or does not need emergency medical care, the CAO will include the language in [322, Appendix C](#), on the PA/FS 162 advising of ineligibility.

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