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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, passed by Congress on February 8, 2006, includes a new requirement that all Medicaid recipients must document United States citizenship and identity. **The requirement takes effect on July 1, 2006.** This means that at the time of your next Medicaid redetermination or that of your child(ren), you will be asked to provide documents that verify citizenship and identity for each Medicaid recipient in your family to continue to receive benefits. You will be given a reasonable amount of time to provide this verification and your benefits will continue as long as you show you are making a good faith effort to obtain the verification. Your worker in the local DHHR office can assist you if you need help. You must only provide the documents one time. The Department is providing this notice so that you may begin to obtain any documents you may need at your upcoming redetermination.

The documents listed below are some of those you may use to prove citizenship and/or identity. The list does not include all documents or methods you may use. Your worker will explain other documents and methods to you.

Proof of Both Citizenship and Identity (No other proof required)

U. S Passport, Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570) or Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)

Proof of Citizenship (Separate Proof of Identity Required)

A **U. S. public birth record** issued by a state, commonwealth, territory or local jurisdiction that was issued before the person was 5 years old. Other acceptable documents are a **final adoption decree**, evidence of **civil service employment** by the United States government, an official **military record of service** or **U.S. census records**.

Identity

Driver's license issued by a state or territory, either with a photograph or other identifying information such as name, age, sex, race, height, weight or eye color; **school identification card** with a photograph; **U.S. military card or draft record**; **ID card issued by the federal, state or local government** with the same information included on a driver's license; **military dependent's ID card**; **Native American Tribal document**.

If you have questions about this requirement or what documents you may use, you may call your Worker in the local office or Client Services toll-free at 1-800-642-8589 or in Charleston at 304-558-2400.