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Proof of Citizenship Required for Medicaid Benefits

West Virginians applying for Medicaid or seeking an eligibility redetermination will have to produce some form of documentation of citizenship and identity to meet federal requirements for eligibility. This new requirement begins July 1.

Current Medicaid members must submit proof of citizenship and identification upon their redetermination for eligibility. If they are unable to provide this information, they face removal from the program. Members will be given a reasonable opportunity to prove citizenship and identity and will not be immediately removed from the program. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources will assist individuals in obtaining documentation.

There are a variety of documents that will be accepted for proof. A valid West Virginia driver's license may be used for proof of identity, but it cannot be used as proof of citizenship.

All members with valid Medicaid will continue to receive services.