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To qualify for full AHCCCS Medical Assistance (MA) coverage a noncitizen must:

Be a qualified noncitizen;

Declare his or her qualified noncitizen status. The customer must be listed having a qualified noncitizen status on the application, and the application must be signed by the customer or other person listed in [MA1301](#).

Otherwise, the noncitizen can only get coverage for emergency medical services, and cannot qualify at all for the following categories:

FTW

BCCTP

FPEP

ALTCS

MSP

KidsCare

When a person claims a qualified noncitizen status but additional proof is needed to verify the status through SAVE VIS, the person gets 90 days to provide the proof or resolve the issue with USCIS. During this time, if the person meets all other conditions, approve the MA.

Definitions

Term	Definition
Noncitizen	A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States.

Non-qualified noncitizen	A noncitizen who does not have a qualified immigration status.
Qualified noncitizen	<p>A person admitted to the US in one of the immigration statuses in the list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrant Visa • Deportation Withheld or Removal Withheld • Amerasian Refugee • Asylee • Battered noncitizen (must meet conditions in section B) • Conditional Entrant • Cuban-Haitian Entrant • Hmong or Laotian Highlander • Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) (must also meet conditions in section B) • Parolee for at least one year (must also meet conditions in section B) • Refugee • Victims of Trafficking (as of the eligibility date in the certification letter issued by the Office of Refugee Resettlement).
American Indian Born in Canada	<p>An American Indian with at least 50% Indian ancestry born in Canada is considered a qualified noncitizen.</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>A person in this group may choose to become an LPR. This does not affect the status as an American Indian born in Canada. The person does NOT need to meet the other conditions in section B.</p>
Foreign Born Member of US Indian Tribe	<p>A member of a federally recognized US Indian Tribe who does not claim US citizenship. People in this group are considered qualified noncitizens.</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>For federally recognized US Indian Tribes see the annual list published in the Federal Register.</p>

Proof

A SAVE VIS response showing a qualified status. If SAVE VIS needs more information to verify the person's status, the following documents can be used::

Permanent Resident Card, I-551;
 Resident Alien Card, I-551;
 Alien Registration Receipt Card, I-151;
 Departure Record, I-94;
 Employment Authorization Card, I-766;
 Foreign Passport;
 Parole Notice;
 Victim of Trafficking Certification Letter or Eligibility Letter.

A qualified noncitizen's status must also be verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program's Verification Information System (VIS).

Legal Authority

Program	Legal Authorities
ALTCS	8 USC 1611, 1612, 1613, and 1641
SSI MAO	42 CFR 435.406
MSP	42 CFR 435.949, 952, 956
FTW	ARS 36-2903.03
BCCTP	AAC 9-28-404
	AAC 9-22-1502
	AAC R9-29-201

	AAC R9-22-1911; R9-28-1311 AAC 9-22-2003 AAC R9-22-1419
KidsCare	8 USC 1613(a), 1641 42 CFR 457.320(b)(6) ARS 36-2983(E) AAC R9-31-303(2)



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Noncitizens who have the status of LPR, Parolee or Battered Alien must also meet one of the additional conditions below to get full services MA:

- Has been a qualified noncitizen for at least five years;
- Before becoming an LPR, Parolee or Battered Alien, the person had a qualified alien status other than LPR, Parolee or Battered Alien.
- Entered the U.S. before August 22, 1996 and remained in the U.S. continuously until becoming a qualified alien;
- Has a military connection;

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Term	Definition
Dependent child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child under age 18; or • A child age 18-21 who is a full time student and claimed as a dependent on the parent's tax return
Remained in the U.S. continuously	The person was not out of the U.S. for longer than 30 days at a time AND the total of all time out of the U.S. is not more than 90 days.
Military connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty; • Is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces;

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the spouse or dependent child of an honorably discharged veteran or active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces; or• Is the widow or surviving dependent child of an honorably discharged veteran or active duty member of the US Armed Forces. |
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Proof

Proof of qualified noncitizen status for at least 5 years, or previously having a different qualified status:

USCIS documents showing a qualified noncitizen status and an entry date at least 5 years in the past.

SAVE VIS records showing a qualified noncitizen status and an entry date at least 5 years in the past.

Proof that the person has remained in the U.S. continuously since before August 22, 1996:

There are two parts to this proof. The person must provide a written statement listing the dates of any of absences from the U.S. (or state that they have not left the U.S.). Second, the person must provide any combination of the following documents and records that show the person has lived in the U.S. since before 8/22/1996:

Rental or lease agreements listing the person as a tenant,

Utility bills or payment records,

School records,

Employment records,

Social Security wage records,

Church attendance records,

Public benefits records,

Medical records, and

Any other official document or record that shows the person was residing in the U.S. during the required period.

Proof that the person has a military connection:

Military records (like a DD-214) showing current active duty or and honorable discharge.

When the customer is the spouse, widow, or dependent child of an active duty or honorably discharged member of the U.S. Armed Forces, that person must also provide proof of their relationship to the Armed Forces member or veteran. Proof of relationship includes:

- Birth certificate,
- Marriage records,
- Court documents,
- Military ID showing relationship, or
- Other official records that show relationship.



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