

To: All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director 
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Re: Changes to Presumptive Eligibility Based on Immigration Status

This provider bulletin is being issued to notify Nebraska Medicaid providers of upcoming changes to hospital-based presumptive eligibility (PE), **effective October 1, 2026**.

Starting October 1, 2026, Medicaid eligibility is limited to individuals who meet an eligible citizenship or immigration status, which also applies to presumptive eligibility. Eligible statuses include:

- United States Citizens
- United States nationals
- Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs), also known as green card holders
- Cuban-Haitian Entrants
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants.

Pregnant women and children age 18 and younger who entered the United States with a legal status remain eligible for Medicaid as long as their status has not expired.

PE Provider Responsibilities

PE providers must continue to obtain the applicant's U.S. citizenship or immigration status attestation as part of the PE determination.

PE providers are not required to obtain documentation or verification of citizenship or immigration status to complete a PE determination.

If an applicant attests to an eligible citizenship or immigration status, the PE determination may proceed based on the attestation.

If an applicant attests that they do not have a Medicaid-eligible status, the applicant must be denied PE.

Provider Resources

The [DHHS Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility Training](#) has been updated to reflect this change.

- Slide 21: New Medicaid-eligible noncitizen requirements added.
- Slide 31: Revised to include a statement that Medicaid Work Requirements may apply.
- Slide 32: Updated ACCESSNebraska to iServe.



The [S1 Citizenship and Eligible Non-Citizens](#) document has also been updated with the October 1, 2026, requirements.

Provider Resources

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please email MedicaidPE@nebraska.gov.

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