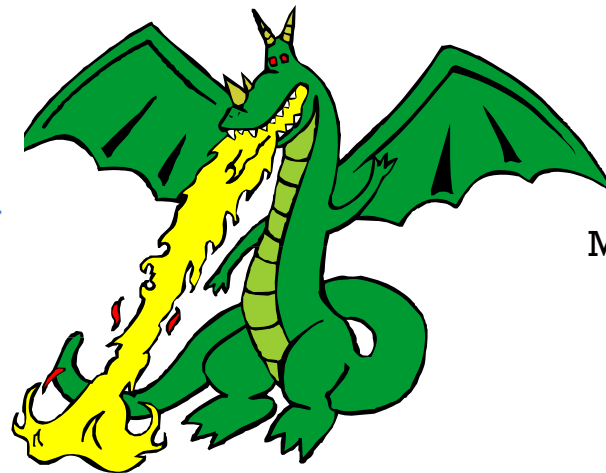


The Deficit Reduction Act (DRA)'s Medicaid Citizenship Documentation Rule Or How to be a DRAGON Slayer!



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NEW
DRA
CITIZENSHIP
DOCUMENTATION
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What does the DRA require?



Most U.S. **citizens and nationals** who apply for or currently have Medi-Cal must have proof of their identity and citizenship status.

Are Non-Citizen immigrants
still eligible for Medi-Cal?



Yes! Non-citizen
immigrants are not
affected by the DRA



Does the DRA require
anything new from
non-Citizen immigrants?



NO!

Non-citizens should follow existing
Medi-Cal documentation rules for
immigration status and identity.

Not all U.S. citizens applying for or on Medi-Cal have to produce documents! EXCEPTIONS!

*On SSI or Social
Security Disability*

On CalWORKS



On Medicare

*Presumptive Eligibility
(Pregnancy, BCCTP)*

*Deemed Eligible
Infants, Foster Care,
Adoption Assistance,
Kin-Gap*

**Accelerated
Eligibility,
CHDP, School
Lunch, SPE**

Minor Consent

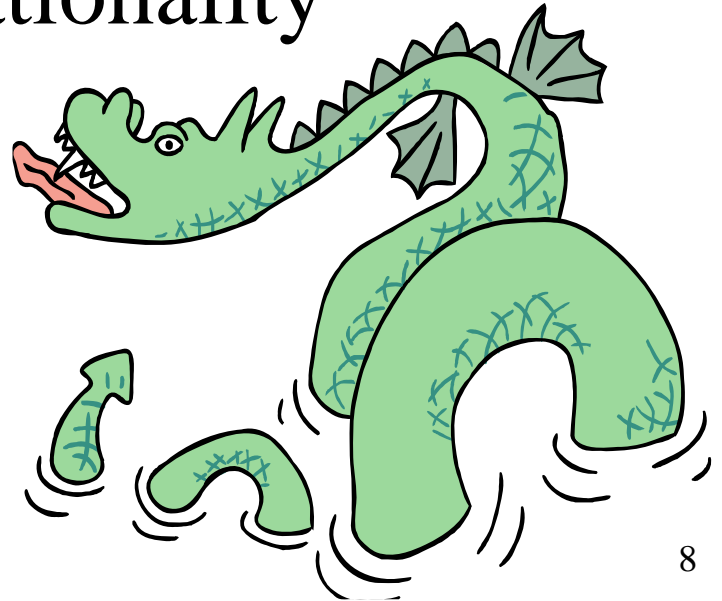
The DRA rules for U.S. Citizens and Nationals Are Different for Applicants vs. Recipients



Applicants must provide documents BEFORE being found eligible for full scope benefits

- ORIGINAL or certified proof of citizenship or U.S. nationality
- Proof of identity*

* Special rules for proof of identity for children under 16



Recipients must provide proof at Annual Redetermination

- ORIGINAL or certified proof of citizenship
- Proof of identity
- If recipients make a “Good Faith Effort ” to provide documents they should stay on full scope Medi-Cal benefits



Documents are only required ONE TIME

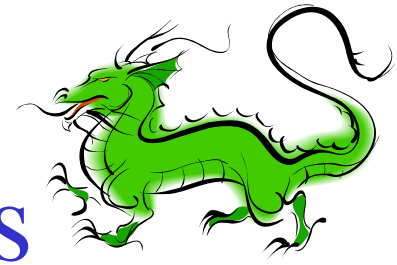


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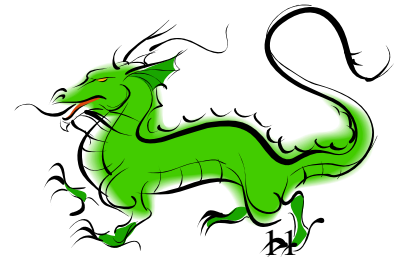
- Moving from another county in California
- Moving from out of state and who had Medicaid and already documented citizenship under the DRA in that state



Acceptable Documents



- U.S. Citizenship document must show:
 - U.S. place of birth, or
 - That person is a U.S. citizen or national
 - 4 tiers in decreasing order of reliability
 - Counties must assume that clients provide the most reliable evidence clients have
- Identity document must show:
 - Identifying information relating to person named in the document (tier 5)



California Birth Matches

- State DHCS will check California birth records electronically. If there is a match it will be noted in the MEDS system. This is highly reliable proof.
- Applicants or recipients with a birth record match in MEDS will NOT have to provide any document to prove citizenship.
- BUT they will have to provide proof of identity unless under 16 years old



**State will be sending a DRA notice
to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries
around August 1, 2007**

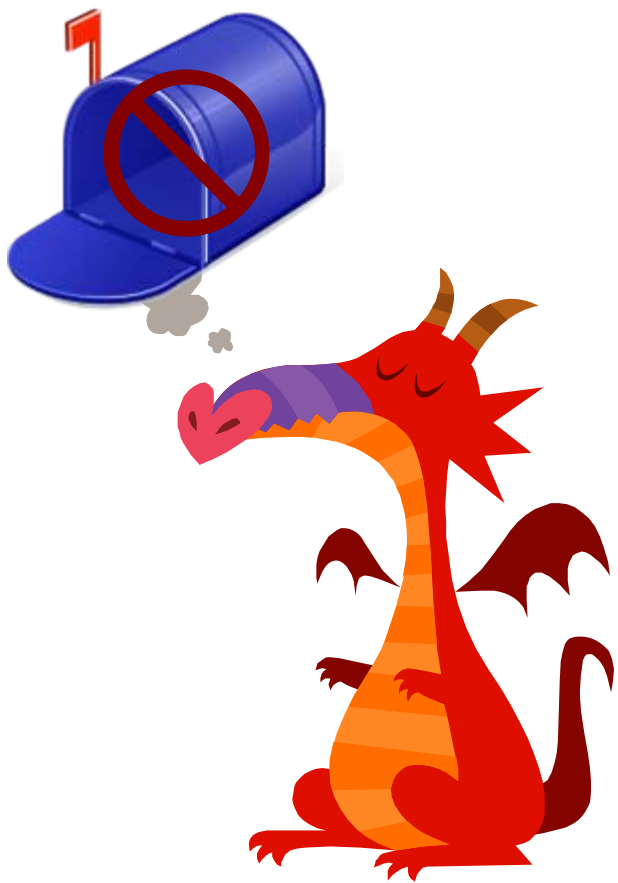


L.A. Implementation



DPSS is working on how and when to implement the DRA. No date set as of 7/11/07.

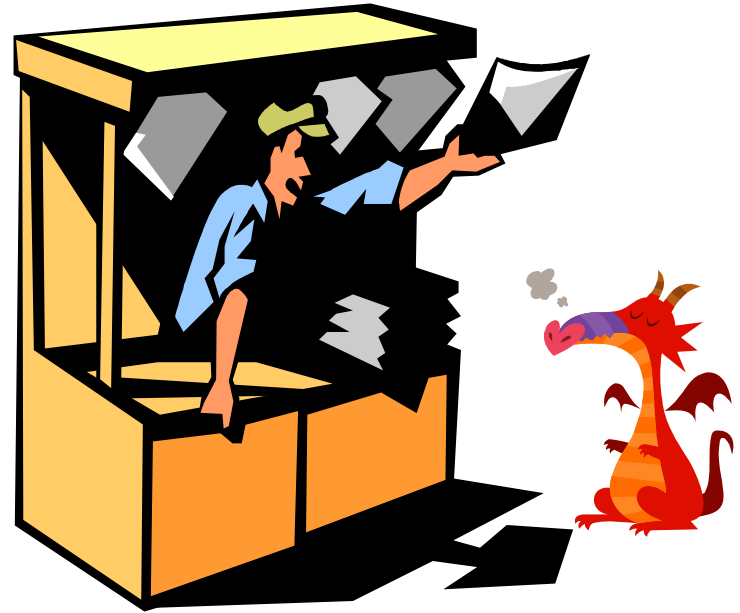
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We recommend that people do not put important original documents in the mail to DPSS.

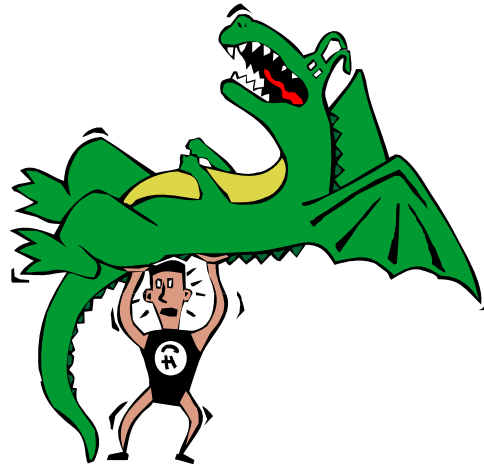
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- DPSS will have special lobby teams in many welfare offices
- Applicants/beneficiaries can bring in original documents
- DPSS will copy, return and give receipt
- Only needs to be done once!



To schedule a DRA presentation at
your agency or office, call

MCHA 213 749-4261





DRA help available for consumers

HCC Telephone Hotline:

1-800-896-3203

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays &

Fridays:

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