

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FROM IMAGINE!

Colorado state law requires Imagine! to verify United States citizenship or legal permanent residency for all adults, aged 18 and older, applying for State or locally funded developmental disabilities services.

Here's what this means if you are making a request for funding on behalf of a family member who is under the age of 18 and is eligible, or applying for a re-determination of eligibility, for Family Support Services:

- Imagine! will verify United States citizenship or legal permanent residency of family members applying for Family Support Services Program (FSSP) grants on behalf of eligible children.
- **With the required verification**, families can continue to request a grant to reimburse them for services for their eligible child.
- **Without the required verification**, funding is **only** available for direct services for the eligible child, with payment of those services made directly through Imagine! to the service provider.

Additionally, upon reaching the age of 18, the family member requesting funding and the individual with the developmental disability are each required to verify United States citizenship or legal permanent residency.

To verify United States Citizenship or legal permanent residency, two documents are required:

1. One of the following original documents or a true and complete copy of the original:

- a. A valid Colorado driver's license or a Colorado state issued identification card, **or**
- b. A United States military card or a military dependent's identification card, **or**
- c. A United States Coast Guard Merchant Marine card, **or**
- d. A Native American tribal document, **or**
- e. Other forms of identification or a waiver process to ensure that an individual proves lawful presence in the United States as authorized by the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Revenue pursuant to 24-76.5-130(5)(a), C.R.S., including a certified birth certificate issued by any of the United States.

2. Applicants must sign an affidavit stating:

- a. That he or she is a United States citizen or legal permanent resident, **or**
- b. That he or she is otherwise lawfully present in the United States pursuant to Federal law.

During your initial enrollment or re-determination, Imagine! will request these documents.

SOURCES FOR DOCUMENTATION:

Some of the documents needed to establish citizenship can be found at the following sources:

Colorado Driver's License/ID Card (Colorado Department of Revenue)

http://www.revenue.state.co.us/MV_dir/wrap.asp?incl=dllist

Colorado birth certificate (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment)

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/certs/>

U.S. Passport (U.S. Department of State)

http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html

Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570) or Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N561)

(U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services)

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>

Certification of Report of Birth (DS-1350) or Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America (FS-240) (U.S. Department of State)

http://travel.state.gov/law/info/overseas/overseas_703.html