

Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) HELP Sheet for CAAs

What is the DRA?

The DRA requires that most Medi-Cal applicants & beneficiaries must provide evidence of their **U.S. Citizenship** or **U.S. National Status** AND **identity** to qualify for full-scope benefits.

Note: This act **ONLY** applies to U.S. Citizens & Nationals. Families need to present these original documents or certified copies **ONE** time only. The DRA will be implemented July 1, 2008 in LA County.

What do CAAs need to do?

1. Continue to fill-out the Joint application and send in copies of supporting documents.
2. Inform families that Medi-Cal will contact them if they need to present their original documents showing proof of their citizenship and identity. Some individuals may not have to show proof of citizenship since Medi-Cal has conducted a match for individuals born in CA. However, these individuals will still have to show proof of identity.
3. Help families start gathering documents (see DRA Toolkit for CAAs below).
4. Tell families which DPSS locations they can take their original documents to.

IMPORTANT: All CAAs should continue assisting families by filling out the Joint Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Applications and sending in all the appropriate copies of supporting documents as currently required. There have been no changes made to this application process because of the DRA.

DRA Toolkit for CAAs:

- Help families start the process of gathering their original documents.
- Continue to fill out Joint MC/HF Applications and send copies of supporting documents
- Tell families to wait to hear back from Medi-Cal to find out if they need to present their citizenship and identity documents.

Here are examples of documents that satisfy the DRA requirement. Families need to provide one document in each category:

Citizenship Documents:

- ❖ U.S. Birth Certificate
- ❖ U.S. Hospital Record
- ❖ U.S. Citizen Identification Card
- ❖ Certificate of Birth Abroad
- ❖ American Indian Card

Identity documents:

- ❖ Driver's License
- ❖ School identification card with Picture
- ❖ Federal, State or Local Government ID with some identity information as Driver's License

These documents meet BOTH categories:

- U.S. Passport
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship

To obtain a birth certificate:

- Contact the Department of Health Services
- Visit www.vitalrec.com

If you would like to request posters or print fliers that about the DRA visit this link:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/DRAfliers.aspx>

If you need additional help regarding the DRA, please contact the CHAMP Team at:
askthetrainers@champ-net.org

Which citizens are exempt from the DRA?

- Social Security Retirement, Survivors or Disability Insurance (RSDI) beneficiaries
- Medicare beneficiaries
- Current Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries
- Minor Consent applicants
- Children in Foster Care, Adoption Assistance, or Kin-Gap
- Babies born to women who are on Medi-Cal