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PROOF OF IDENTITY FOR MEDICAID - NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE MEDICARE OR SSI

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Medicaid recipients have always had to prove identity. Federal law enacted in early 2006 requires stricter proof of *citizenship*, and proof of *identity* is a necessary and separate part of proving *citizenship*. The proof of identity now required is much stricter than had been required before in NYS (see text box below for old rule).

THOSE WHO HAVE MEDICARE OR SSI -- The NYS Department of Health has just clarified in a directive issued Sept. 28, 2006 that PEOPLE WITH MEDICARE OR SSI do NOT have to prove either citizenship OR identity. You might need to show this directive GIS 06-MA-024 to Medicaid workers, since they were told earlier that people with Medicare or SSI must still document *identity* under the strict new rules.
http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/publications/docs/gis/06ma024.pdf
It is unclear whether they will still have to document identity under the old rules:

Excerpt NYS Dept of Health Medicaid Reference Guide - OLD RULE
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/medicaid/mrg/index.htm> p. 423 (8/1999)

VERIFICATION: A birth certificate is preferred as verification of **identity**. Other acceptable documents include, but are not limited to: baptismal certificates, immigration and naturalization papers, passports, driver's licenses, marriage certificates, military records, school vaccination records, or employer records which indicate the name of the applicant. Verification may be obtained from the applicant or collateral sources.

When the applicant is homeless, it may be difficult for him/her to establish identity. For homeless persons, the district may accept the following as proof of identity:

- information from agencies or other persons who can identify the A/R (applicant/recipient); or,
- any identification the applicant possesses.

THOSE WITHOUT MEDICARE OR SSI must prove BOTH Citizenship AND Identity. The chart of documents acceptable to prove each of these criteria, issued with GIS 06/MA/021 Aug. 2, 2006 -- is posted at http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/publications/docs/gis/06ma021att. Only three "primary" documents -- passport, naturalization certificate, or certificate of citizenship -- can be used to prove both IDENTITY and CITIZENSHIP. If you don't have one of those 3 documents, then you need one of the "secondary" proofs of citizenship *and* a separate proof of identity. To prove identity, unless you have a

military record of drivers' license, **most people will need a state-issued photo ID.** The requirements for these photo IDs are below.

FROM <http://www.nysdmv.com/idlicense.htm>

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Proofs of Identity and Date of Birth Required to Apply for a Driver License, a Learner Permit or a Non-driver Photo ID Card

With the increase in requirements for public security, the DMV frequently updates the list of acceptable proofs of identity and date of birth. Carefully read the requirements described on this page. Make sure that you have the proof required before you apply for any DMV document.

If you apply for a driver license, a learner permit or a new non-driver photo ID card, and:

- If you **do not have** a NYS driver license or a NYS learner permit that is now valid or that was valid in the last two years, you must show proof of identity that equals a value of six points, your proof of date of birth and your Social Security Card (see Note 1).
- If you **do have** a NYS driver license or a NYS learner permit that is now valid or that was valid during the last 2 years, you must only show proof of identity that equals a value of six points. You are not required to show your proof of date of birth or your Social Security Card.

See the [list of proofs and their point values](#). **One or more of your proofs must have your signature. Each document must be an original document or a copy of the original document certified by the issuing agency.** You cannot use more than one document of a specific type for points. For example, three credits cards do not equal three points. They equal one point. The DMV does not accept any document with any alteration. The DMV can confiscate altered documents and keep the documents for evaluation. The DMV will keep any document that appears fraudulent and can seek criminal prosecution against the person who used the document.

A suspended driver license or a suspended learner permit is accepted for proof of identity.

- **Note 1:** If you are not eligible for a Social Security Card, you must provide a letter or form SSA-L676 from the US Social Security Administration (SSA) that states that you are not eligible. The SSA letter or form must have been issued no more than 30 days before the date of your application. You must also show the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) documents that the SSA used to determine that you are not eligible for a Social Security Card.
- **Note 2:** If you did not provide a Social Security Number to the DMV for a previous transaction, you must show your Social Security Card with your application. If you are not eligible for a Social Security Card, use the instructions in Note 1.

• Proofs of Identity and Date of Birth Required to Apply for a Driver License...or a Non-driver Photo ID Card

How to use this list: Find the description of your transaction in the left-hand column. Find your answer to the question in the second column. Read across the row to determine the proofs that you need. Then see the [list of proofs and their point values](#).

Transaction:	Do you have a NYS driver license or a NYS learner permit that is valid or expired less than two years?	Is proof of date of birth required?	Is a Social Security Card required? If you are not eligible for a Social Security Number, see (preceding page note 1)	Proof of Identity Requirements:
Learner Permit/Drivers License - new/renewals, etc.	See website (deleted here)			
Non-Driver Photo ID Card - new	No	Yes	Yes	Four points and your Social Security Card (a total of six points), or six points and the SSA letter or form (read Note 1).
Non-Driver Photo ID Card - new	Yes	No	Yes	Four points and your Social Security Card (a total of six points), or six points and the SSA letter or form (read Note 1).
Non-Driver Photo ID Card - renew document	N/A	No	Yes	Four points and your Social Security Card (a total of six points), or six points and the SSA letter or form (read Note 1).
Non-Driver Photo ID Card - get a duplicate - change your information	N/A	No (unless you apply for a correction to your date of birth)	No	Six points of proof of identity. To change your name, you must also provide proof of your new name (a marriage or divorce document, a court-issued name change document) or six points of proof of identity that shows your new name. Read the list of acceptable documents .

Documents Accepted as Proofs of Identity and Date of Birth

**** Original Documents Only - Photocopies Are Not Acceptable ****

Important: Any document submitted for proof of identification must be a current and valid document. The document cannot be an expired document. The DMV has the authority to verify that your documents are authentic.

Acceptable documents for Proof of Identity.	Point value of document	Is this document accepted as Proof of Date of Birth?	Other Requirements?
Expired documents are not accepted unless indicated.			
A driver license, a learner permit, or a non-driver photo ID card issued by NYS. The photo document must be valid or expired for less than two years.	6	No	None
DMV form MV-45 (Statement of Identity) , if the applicant is under the age of 21. The form must be signed by a parent or a legal guardian, in front of a DMV representative. Proof of date of birth of applicant and Social Security Card are also required. See form MV-45 for instructions.	4	No	None
A US passport	4	Yes	None

A Certificate of Citizenship (N-560, N-561, or N-645).	3	Yes	None
A Certificate of Naturalization (N-550, N-570 or N-578).	3	Yes	None
A foreign passport with a valid I-551 stamp or a statement on the visa. The passport must be in English or translated by an embassy.	3	Yes	None
A Permanent Resident Card (form I-551) .	3	Yes	None
A foreign passport with your visa and form I-94 . The passport must be in English or translated by an embassy.	3	Yes	The I-94 must have been issued by the INS for a period of at least one year and must be valid for at least six more months when presented to the DMV.
A foreign passport with your visa and form I-94 with status code J1 or J2 and with form IAP-66/DS-2019 . If you received an extension, you must show your original entry document, form IAP-66/DS-2019, any extension document and, if appropriate, a "notice of approval."	3	Yes	The IAP-66/DS-2019 must have been issued by the INS for a period of at least one year and must be valid for at least six more months when presented to the DMV.
A foreign passport with your visa and form I-94 with status code F1 or F2 and form I-20 . To be accepted, the school must be located in NYS . If you received an extension, you must show your original entry document, form I-20, any extension document and, if appropriate, a "notice of approval."	3	Yes	The I-20 must have been issued by the INS for a period of at least one year and must be valid for at least six more months when presented to the DMV.
A foreign passport with your visa and form I-94 with status code G4. You must apply at the DMV Herald Square office only.	3	Yes	The I-94 must have been issued by the INS for a period of at least one year and must be valid for at least six more months when presented to the DMV.
A foreign passport with your visa and form I-94 with status code I and a letter from the Foreign Press Center . You must apply at the DMV Herald Square office only.	3	Yes	The letter must state you will be here for a period of at least 1 year and must be valid for at least 6 more months when presented to the DMV.
A US Re-entry Permit (I-327) .	3	Yes	None
A US Refugee Travel Document (I-571) .	3	Yes	None
A US Employment Authorization Card (INS I-688B or I-766) .	3	Yes	The I-688B or I-766 must have been issued by the INS for a period of at least one year and must be valid for at least six more months when presented to the DMV.
A US Military Photo ID Card (issued to military personnel only).	3	Yes	None

A welfare card, a Medicaid card, or a NYS Food Stamp Card with a photo.	3	No	None
A pistol permit issued by NYS or NYC.	2	No	None
A professional license issued by NYS.	2	No	None
A photo driver license issued by another state, or ... possession of the US, or by... Canada. The driver license must be valid or expired less than one year.	2	No	None
A US Social Security card that shows your signature.	2	No	None
A NYS registration document for a vehicle or boat	2	No	None
A NYS title certificate.	2	No	None
A Military Dependent ID Card.	2	No	None
A welfare card, a Medicaid card, or a NYS Food Stamp Card without a photo.	2	No	None
A US marriage document, a US divorce document, or a court-issued name change document.	2	No	None
A US college photo ID card and an academic transcript.	2	No	None
A NYS interim driver license or a computer-generated learner permit, without a photo.	2	No	None
A US high school ID card and a report card.	2	No	None
A valid Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe ID card.	2	No	None
A valid Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe ID card and a Canadian birth certificate.	2	Yes	None
A computer-printed pay stub or employee ID card issued in the US that shows your name.	1	No	None
A high school diploma or GED issued in the US.	1	No	None
A supermarket check-cashing card issued in the US with your name pre-printed and your signature.	1	No	None
A union card issued in the US .	1	No	None
A health insurance card or a medical prescription card issued in the US.	1	No	None
A life insurance policy issued in the US and in effect for at least two years.	1	No	None
A utility bill issued in the US.	1	No	None
A Veterans Universal Access Photo ID Card.	1	No	None
A W-2 Form that shows your Social Security Number.	1	No	None
You can provide only one of these items issued by a financial institution issued in the US: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a bank statement • a cancelled check (which displays your pre-printed name) • an ATM card or a debit card (which displays your pre-printed name and your signature) • a valid major US credit card 	1	No	None
A birth certificate issued by the US State Department or by a Board of Health or a Bureau of Vital Statistics in the US or a US Territory. ...	0	Yes	None

<p>A Certificate of Birth Registration issued by the Department of Health of NYS or NYC. The certificate must be an original certificate and must have the stamp or the embossed seal of the agency that issued the certificate. The certificate cannot contain any changes ... or errors in the name or date of birth of the applicant.</p>	0	Yes	None
<p>Notes: If you have a foreign passport with an I-94 that has the status code A1, A2, G1 or G3, you must contact the US State Dept. If you are a refugee or an asylee, a supervisor at the DMV office must approve your documents.</p>			

Social Security Card

A U.S. Social Security Card is required when you apply for an original New York State photo license, learner permit, or non-driver identification card. It is also required when you renew a non-driver identification card.

Valid Periods and Fees

Your first New York State driver license will expire in about 3 to 5 years, on your month and day of birth. Depending on your age, and whether you are applying for a junior operator or full-license permit, your fee will be \$52.50 to \$90.00. A license renewal is valid for 8 years, and the fee to renew a Class D license is \$50.00. These fees include a \$10.00 photo document fee.

If you do not drive, you may choose a short-term non-driver ID card valid for 4 to 5 years, or a long-term ID card valid for 8 to 9 years. The exact period of your ID card and your fee depend on whether you select a short-term or long-term ID and the relationship between the date you apply and the expiration date (your month and day of birth). A short-term ID card will cost between \$9.00 and \$10.00. A long-term ID will cost between \$13.00 and \$14.00. These fees include a \$5.00 photo document fee.

Discounted Non-Driver ID Card For Seniors and SSI Recipients

If you are 62 years old or older or are receiving Social Security Income (SSI), you are eligible for a 10-year ID card at a reduced fee of \$6.50. If you receive Social Security Income (SSI), in addition to documents proving your name and age, you also must prove you receive SSI. DMV will accept ANY ONE of the following documents from the Social Security Administration as proof that you receive SSI:

- Notice of Award
- Notice of Change in Payment (SSA-L8151)
- Report of Confidential Social Security Benefit Information (SSA-2458)
- Benefit Verification Letter

About Your License or ID Card

You will receive a temporary non-photo driver license, learner permit, or ID card when you apply. You should receive your photo license, permit, or ID card through the mail within five weeks.

<http://www.nysdmv.com/broch/c-33.htm>