

## Are you a citizen and currently enrolled in Medicaid or All Kids or FamilyCare?

A federal law requires most citizens to show a birth certificate or U.S. Passport to enroll in Medicaid, All Kids or FamilyCare. If you are already in Medicaid, All Kids or FamilyCare, you will need a birth certificate or a U.S. Passport when your eligibility is redetermined. If you use a birth certificate, bring photo ID if possible. Children under 16 may use school, nursery or daycare records instead of providing photo ID. **Medicare beneficiaries and SSI enrollees are not required to provide proof of citizenship** because they had to prove citizenship to enroll in those programs.

### Here's what you can do to prepare if you were born in the United States:

- **Find your birth certificate** and the birth certificate for everyone in your family who receives health insurance through Medicaid, All Kids or FamilyCare.
- **If you can't find a copy of your birth certificate**, you can get another copy by contacting the Illinois Department of Public Health Division of Vital Records at 217-782-6553 (automated) or 217-782-6554. The cost for a certified birth certificate is \$10 (short) or \$15 (long).  
**If you were born in Cook County**, you can contact the Cook County Clerk's Bureau of Vital Statistics. You can get birth certificates by going to the County local office, visiting a Currency Exchange, through the County Internet website at [www.cookctyclerk.com](http://www.cookctyclerk.com) and by credit card over the phone. The phone number is 312-603-7799. The cost for a certified birth certificate is \$10.  
**For Chicago children to three months of age**, you can contact the Chicago Department of Public Health, Vital Records Section, 50 W. Washington Street, Room CL-14. The phone number is 312-744-3800. The cost for a certified birth certificate is \$10.
- **If you have never been issued a birth certificate or need help getting one**, contact the Illinois Department of Public Health at 217-782-6554 or Cook County Clerk at 312-603-7799 as soon as possible to discuss other options available to you. You can also contact Vital Check through the Internet website at [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com) to order birth certificates.
- **If you were born outside of Illinois**, contact the National Center for Health Statistics toll free at 1-866-441-6247 or Vital Check through the Internet website at [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com),

### Here's what you can do to prepare if you were born outside of the United States:

- **Naturalized citizens** must now have their Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of U.S. Citizenship.
- **Foreign-born citizens** (those born overseas to U.S. parents) must now have a certification or report of birth abroad.

**Legal immigrants** (those with a valid Green Card) **or undocumented immigrants are not affected** by this change and do not need to provide any additional documentation.

**Call the Chicago Department of Public Health Office Health Care Access CAREline at 312-745-CARE [2273] if you have any questions about these new federal requirements.**



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