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CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY REQUIREMENTS

SoonerCare Eligibility Guidelines

<https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/individuals/mysoonercares/apply-for-soonercares-online/eligibility/citizenship-guidelines.html>

Important Notice: Immigration status is reviewed to determine eligibility for SoonerCare. If legal status cannot be verified, the appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified.

- [Proof of Citizenship and Identity Requirements](#)
- Frequently Asked Questions - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Federal law requires most SoonerCare members and applicants who are U.S. citizens to provide one-time proof of citizenship and identity.

Those who do not have to provide proof of citizenship and identity include:

- Individuals receiving Medicare benefits
- Individuals who receive or previously received Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Newborns of SoonerCare members
- Children in Oklahoma Human Services foster care

If you have questions or need help, contact [your local Oklahoma Human Services office](#).

Proving Both U.S. Citizenship and Identity

You may provide **one** of these items to prove BOTH citizenship and identity:

- U.S. passport
- Certificate of Naturalization issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- Certificate of Citizenship issued by USCIS
- Tribal membership card or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card, with a photograph of the individual

Proving Citizenship and Identity Separately

If you do not have any of the items above, you may provide one item from List A (proof of U.S. citizenship) **and** one item from List B (proof of identity).

List A: Proof of U.S. Citizenship (choose one item)

Provide the most reliable proof available. Items at the top of the list are more reliable.



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- U.S. birth certificate
- Certification or report of birth abroad issued by USCIS or the State Department
- U.S. citizen ID card issued by USCIS
- American Indian card issued by USCIS for the Kickapoo tribe
- Final adoption decree
- Evidence of Civil Service employment by U.S. Government before June 1, 1976
- Official military record of service showing U.S. place of birth (Form DD 214)
- Northern Mariana ID card from USCIS for naturalized citizens born before Nov. 4, 1986
- Extract of U.S. hospital birth record established at the time of birth, created at least five years before initial application date
- Life, health or other insurance record showing U.S. place of birth, created at least five years before initial application date
- Census records showing U.S. place of birth
- Nursing home records, medical records or other documents showing U.S. place of birth, created at least five years before initial application date
- Bureau of Indian Affairs tribal census records (Navajo and Seneca tribes only)
- Oklahoma voter registration card

List B: Proof of Identity (choose one item)

- Driver's license or state-issued ID card
- Government-issued ID cards with photo or identifying information
- Tribal government-issued ID cards (CDIB card) or other tribal documents with photo or identifying information
- U.S. Military ID, U.S. Military Dependent ID or U.S. Military Draft Record
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card
- School ID with picture
- Daycare/nursery record (minors only)
- School record, report card or affidavit signed by a parent or guardian (under 16 only)

How to get an Oklahoma Birth Certificate

You can get an Oklahoma birth certificate by ordering online, calling, emailing or mailing the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Visit the [Oklahoma Vital Records page](#) to learn more.

Noncitizen Statuses that Qualify for SoonerCare (Oklahoma Medicaid)

Qualified noncitizens may be eligible for full SoonerCare benefits after a five-year waiting period. The waiting period begins on their entry date into the U.S. with a "qualified noncitizen" immigration status. To qualify, they must meet all other eligibility requirements at the end of the waiting period.



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Some noncitizens who may qualify **without waiting five years include:**

- Lawful permanent residents who have met any applicable waiting period (five years, in most cases)
- Compacts of Free Association (COFA) migrants (citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia or the Republic of Palau)
- Cuban/Haitian entrants

Some noncitizens may only qualify for certain types of SoonerCare coverage:

- **Noncitizen emergency / emergency medical services:** An unauthorized resident noncitizen is eligible for Emergency SoonerCare services only. Apply with Oklahoma Human Services.
- Pregnant women who are noncitizens may qualify for the **Soon to be Sooners** program. They must meet all other eligibility requirements.

Noncitizen Verification

Some immigration statuses must be verified with specific forms or documentation. **All statuses will be verified using USCIS' Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program.**

Status / Category	Most Common Documents
Alien (Lawful Permanent Resident)	• Form I-94/I-94A (arrival/departure record) • Form I-571 (refugee travel document) • Form I-551 (permanent resident card/green card) • Other valid immigration records issued by USCIS
COFA migrant (citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia or the Republic of Palau)	• Form I-94/I-94A • Passport from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia or the Republic of Palau
Cuban/Haitian entrants	• Form I-94 with a stamp indicating "parole as Cuban/Haitian entrant (Status Pending)," "EWI," coded CP, CC or OP, or any other notation indicating "parole" and referring to section 212(d)(5) of the INA after April 21, 1980 • A Cuban or Haitian passport with a Section 212(d)(5) stamp dated after October 10, 1980



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	• USCIS (or receipt of filing) Form I-122, I-220A, I-221, I-221S, I-485 (date stamped by EOIR), I-589 (receipt from USCIS or form date stamped by EOIR) or I-862 • Form I-688B or I-766 EAD coded 274a.12(a)(4), 274a.12(a)(10), 274a.12(c)(8), 274a.12(c)(10), 274a.12(c)(11), A04, A10, C08, C10 or C11 • Form EOIR-26 or other applications for relief that have been date-stamped by the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) • Form I-551 with category codes CH6, HA6 or HB6

How to Send Documents

You may upload citizenship documents online through the portal at [MySoonerCare.org](https://mysooner.org). You may also bring original documents to a partner agency, an [Oklahoma Human Services](#) or [State Department of Health office](#), and staff will make copies to submit on your behalf. Please call ahead to make an appointment.

Important mailing policy: *Please do not mail original documents. They will not be returned.*



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