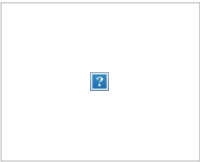


From: [Relkin, Gina](#)
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Subject: Fw: State Obligations for Verifying Citizenship and Immigration Status of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Beneficiaries
Date: Saturday, August 30, 2025 3:54:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



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Subject: Re: State Obligations for Verifying Citizenship and Immigration Status of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Beneficiaries

Kristen -

The analysis of the file has been completed. Less than 5% of the records require additional review.

The file contained 44,254 records + 5 duplicate records identified within our system during the processing of the file, thus total records evaluated = 44,259

Total Records	% of records	Category
6,382	14%	No longer active (Per CMS no action required),
19,158	43%	Citizen status - verified by SSA, SAVE, VLP, Deemed newborn post back or hardcopy proof (Per CMS no action required)
13,812	31%	Qualified non citizenship status - verified by SAVE, VLP or USCIS (Per CMS no action required)
2,995	7%	Federal Emergency Services (FES) enrolled (Per CMS no action required)
1,912	4%	Research Required - Manual or older verifications
44,259		

Note: VLP is Verification of Lawful Presence

Next Steps: The team will submit the 1,912 records to SAVE as a batch job and then work through the results. Weekly status updates will be provided.

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Thank you - We should have the initial analysis on Monday and then can make a plan for operationalizing the necessary reviews.

From: Challacombe, Kristen <kristen.challacombe@azahcccs.gov>
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Patty,
Please see attached instructions on how we are supposed to process the file.

From: Thomas, Grant (CMS/CMCS) <grant.thomas@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 9:57 AM
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You don't often get email from grant.thomas@cms.hhs.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)
As a follow up, please see attached for specific step by step instructions for how to process the files.

Thanks,
Grant Thomas

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Subject: State Obligations for Verifying Citizenship and Immigration Status of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Beneficiaries

Dear State Medicaid Director,

Please see the attachment for a communication from CMS.

The referenced information is located at the Box link below:

<https://cmsbox.box.com/s/k4it9oiokgtmngsm5ceilsnza9cl6v84>

A separate email will be sent with the password to access your enrollment file.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the eligibility enrollment support mailbox at CMSEligEnrollSupport@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,
Caprice Knapp

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