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# MEDICAL SERVICES POLICY MANUAL, SECTION D

## D-200 General Citizenship and Alien Status Requirements

### D-210 Citizenship

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MS Manual 3/2/2021

48 U.S.C. 1806e

Consider any person born in the United States to be a citizen. People born abroad are considered U.S. citizens when at least one of the parents is a U.S. citizen. Also, consider a person who is a U.S. national the same as a U.S. citizen. A U.S. national is a person who is born in one of the U.S. territories. The U.S. territories include:

- Puerto Rico
- Guam
- The Virgin Islands
- The Northern Mariana Islands
- American Samoa
- The Swains Island

People who are not citizens or nationals can become citizens through the process of naturalization.

~~**NOTE:** Citizens of the Marshal Islands including Palau and Micronesia are under a Compact of Free Association with the United States. They are free to travel to and from the U.S. without a visa. They are not U.S. citizens, nor are they under an alien status. Marshall Island pregnant women and children who are lawfully residing in the United States may be approved for Medicaid if they meet all other eligibility criteria for the category being applied for (MS D-224). However, other Marshall Island individuals are not eligible for Medicaid except for Emergency Medicaid Services (MS B-500).~~

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- Aliens lawfully living in United States in accordance with the Compacts of Free Association. This only applies to: Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. (116HR133SA-RCP-116-68).
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- Pregnant Women and Children who are lawfully present. This includes but is not limited to pregnant women and children in the following statuses:
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  - 2) An alien in a valid non-immigration status, as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101 (a)(15) or otherwise under the immigration laws as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101 (a) (17);
  - 3) An alien who has been paroled into the United States in accordance with 8 U.S.C. 1182 (d)(5) for less than 1 year, except for an individual paroled for prosecution, for deferred inspection or pending removal proceedings;
  - 4) An alien who belongs to one of the following classes:
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    - Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in accordance with 8 U.S.C. 1254a, and individuals with pending application for TPS who have been granted employment authorization;
    - Granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a. 12c;
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    - Granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 C.F.R.241;
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## FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY**

**DEPARTMENT** Department of Human Services

**DIVISION** Division of County Operations

**PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT** Jason Callan and Brian Jones

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To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE** Medical Services Policy Sections D-210 and D-224

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact? Yes ☒ No ☐
2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule? Yes ☒ No ☐
3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered? Yes ☒ No ☐

If an agency is proposing a more costly rule, please state the following:

(a) How the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

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(b) The reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

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(c) Whether the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, please explain; and;

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(d) Whether the reason is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority; and if so, please explain.

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4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please state the following:

(a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue	<u>\$ 1,874,802</u>
Federal Funds	<u>\$ 4,669,008</u>
Cash Funds	<u></u>
Special Revenue	<u></u>

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue	<u>\$ 3,731,280</u>
Federal Funds	<u>\$ 9,356,340</u>
Cash Funds	<u></u>
Special Revenue	<u></u>

Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ 6,543,810

Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ 13,087,620

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Funds \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Funds \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, entity and business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the entity(ies) subject to the proposed rule and explain how they are affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, and municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

\$ 1,874,802

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ 3,731,280

7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If YES, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose; **To comply with consolidated appropriations ACT 2021, 8 U.S.C. 1612**
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute; **To cover qualified Aliens and determine citizenship**
- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
  - (a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and

- (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs; **the policy outlines factors that are used to determine citizenship/qualified alien status for applicants**
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule; **None**
- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule; **None at this Time**
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and **Clarification to CMS policy required change**
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
  - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
  - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
  - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives. **The Agency monitors State and Federal rules and policies for opportunities to reduce and control cost.**

## Statement of Necessity and Rule Summary

### Medical Services Policy Sections D-210 and D-224

#### Statement of Necessity

Medical Services Policy is being updated to reflect a change due to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, 8 U.S.C. § 1612. The amendment states that any individual who lawfully resides in 1 of the 50 States or the District of Columbia in accordance with the Compacts of Free Association between the Government of the United States and the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau shall be eligible for Medicaid.

#### **What does Policy Sections D-210 and D-224 cover?**

Policy MS D-210 outlines the factors that are used to determine citizenship/qualified alien status for applicants Medicaid applicants.

A few steps are used to consider citizenship determination:

- Birth county of the individual or parents,
- U.S. National status, and
- Special note regarding citizens under a Compact of Free Association with United States.

Policy MS D-224 outlines Aliens Exempt from Five-Year Bar:

Aliens with the following statuses are potentially eligible for Medicaid from the date the status is obtained:

Some of the statuses are:

- **Refugees** admitted under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).
- **Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants** admitted as lawfully permanent residents but treated as refugees.

Aliens granted **asylum** under section 208 of the INA.

#### Rule Summary

The change to MS D-210 and 224 sections include:

- Removing the special note from policy D-210 regarding Marshall Islanders. Marshall Islanders have now been deemed qualified aliens, so the special rules do not apply.
- Adding information at D-224 aliens who are lawfully living in the United States in accordance with the Compacts of Free Association to be granted an exemption from the five-year bar.

<https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-116HR133SA-RCP-116-68.pdf>