Reference Guide to Immigration Documents

Verifying Immigration Status in Healthcare.gov

Many non-citizens in the United States are eligible for health coverage through Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or subsidized plans in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplaces. In Healthcare.gov, non-citizens applying for coverage for themselves are asked to select from a drop down list of immigration document types and to provide specific numbers from their documents to prove their immigration status. This information is used by Healthcare.gov to verify applicants meet the immigration status requirement for enrollment. Those not applying for coverage are not asked to provide information about their status.

This reference guide walks through examples of the different immigration document types that can be used in Healthcare.gov and notes where different document numbers are located. Note that this list isn’t a comprehensive list of all documents eligible immigrants may have and does not address what should be done if someone does not have one of the documents on the Healthcare.gov list. For more information on statuses that are considered an "eligible immigration status” for the Marketplace, Medicaid and CHIP, see our webinar on Immigrant Eligibility for Coverage Programs.

### DOCUMENTS USED TO SHOW IMMIGRATION STATUS

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**Permanent Resident Card (I-551, "green card")**

**Notes**
- USCIS # = "Alien" number (A#)
- If A# does not have 9 digits, add 1 or 2 zeros before the A# in Healthcare.gov
- Card number can be found on the back or front of the card and will contain 13 characters:
  - Begins with 3 letters
  - Followed by 10 numbers
- Older cards may NOT have card numbers
  - Choose "Other documents" and enter only A#; or
  - Enter "AAA0000000000" as the card number

**Other Card Variations:**
EXAMPLES OF DOCUMENT TYPES

Employment Authorization Card (I-776)
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Temporary I-551 Stamp (on Passport or I-94, I-94A)

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Reentry Permit (I-327)

Refugee Travel Document (I-571)
**Arrival / Departure Record (I-94)**

**Electronic I-94 Arrival/Departure Record Form**

Get I-94 Number  

**Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval**

**Admission (I-94) Record Number:** 69000888062  
**Admit Until Date (MM/DD/YYYY):** 10/10/2012

Details provided on Admission(I-94) form:

- **Family Name:** LI  
- **First (Given) Name:** LYDIA  
- **Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY):** 01/01/1990  
- **Passport Number:** P123123123  
- **Passport Country of Issuance:** Mexico  
- **Date of Entry (MM/DD/YYYY):** 04/11/2012  
- **Class of Admission:** B1

**Notes**

- In 2013, a paperless I-94 record process began
  - No longer need to fill out a paper I-94 form upon arrival in the U.S.
  - People can access their electronic record online through the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) website
- For those with a paper I-94 arrival/departure record form, it may be stapled in a foreign passport
  - Need to include passport information if it is within a passport
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Foreign Passport

Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status (DS2019)

- Passport number
- Country of issuance
- Expiration date
- SEVIS ID
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Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status (I-20)
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Notice of Action (I-797)

I-94 number
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Other documents

Types of documents listed in Healthcare.gov dropdown menu

- Document indicating a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe or American Indian born in Canada
- Certification from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
- Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) eligibility letter (if under 18)
- Cuban/Haitian entrant
- Document indicating withholding of removal (or “withholding of deportation”):
  - Resident of American Samoa
- Administrative order staying removal issued by the Department of Homeland Security
- Other