

**OVERVIEW OF ALIEN ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAID**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Green Form DD-2</b> marked "ACTIVE", or</li> <li>● Current orders showing the individual is on full-time duty in the US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard (Reserves are not considered active duty)</li> </ul>  | <p><b><u>ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY</u></b><br/>(includes spouse and unmarried dependent children under 21)</p> | <p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Membership card or other tribal document demonstrating membership in a federally-recognized Indian tribe under section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.</li> </ul>  | <p><b><u>AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b></p>  | <p>Eligible</p> <p>This does not include a spouse or child of the individual. It also does not include a noncitizen whose membership in an Indian tribe or family is created by adoption, unless he is of at least 50% or more American Indian blood.</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-551</b> (Alien Registration Receipt Card) with the code S13</li> <li>● Canadian passport stamped with an with unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code S13</li> <li>● <b>I-94</b> stamped with an unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code S13</li> <li>● A letter or other tribal document certifying at least 50% American Indian blood, as required by section 289 of the INA combined with a birth certificate or other satisfactory evidence of birth in Canada</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>AMERICAN INDIAN BORN IN CANADA</u></b></p>   | <p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>   |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-551</b> with the code AM6, AM7, or AM8</li> <li>● <b>Foreign passport</b> stamped with an unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code AM1, AM2, or AM3</li> <li>● <b>I-94</b> stamped with a unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code AM1, AM2, or AM3</li> </ul>   | <p><b><u>AMERASIAN IMMIGRANTS</u></b></p> | <p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-94</b> stamped showing grant of asylum under section 208 of the INA and date of entry</li> <li>● A grant letter from the Asylum Office of the USCIS</li> <li>● <b>I-571</b> Refugee Travel Document</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(5)"</li> <li>● <b>I-766</b> (Employment Authorization Document) annotated "A5"</li> <li>● Court order of an immigration judge showing asylum granted under section 208 of the INA</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>ASYLEE</u></b></p>               | <p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-797</b> indicating filing under one of the provisions listed below and approval of the petition or a finding that a prima facie case has been established.</li> <li>● Case Type: I-130 petition approved (See <a href="#">Figure 3</a>: I.A.) prima facie letter</li> <li>● Case Type: I-360 petition approved (See <a href="#">Figure 3</a>: I.B.) prima facie letter or petition approved.</li> <li>● I-551 (Resident Alien Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card) with one of the following INS class of admission (COA) codes printed on the front of a white card (or the back of a pink card) demonstrates approval of a petition under 3.c.(1) or 3.c.(2) above: AR1, AR6, C20-C29, CF1, CF2, CR1, CR2, CR6, CR7, CX1 - CX3, CX6 - CX8, F20 - F29, FX1-FX3, FX6-FX8, IF1, IF2, IR1-IR4, IR6-IR9, IW1, IW2, IW6, IW7, MR6, MR7, P21-P23, or P26-P28 (See NOTE)</li> <li>● I-551 with one of the following COA codes stamped on the lower left side of the back of a pink card demonstrates approval of a petition under C.3.j.(1)3. IB1-IB3, IB6-IB8, B11, B12, B16, B17, B20-B29, B31-B33, B36-B38, BX1-BX3, or BX6-BX8.</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>BATTERED ALIEN</u></b></p> <p>Includes battered alien’s child and parent of a battered alien child</p> | <p>Eligible if entered the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996</p> <p>If admitted August 22, 1996 or after, ineligible for 5 years from the date they obtained qualified status.</p> <p>Eligible after the 5-year disqualification period.</p> <p><b>The 5 – year disqualification period does not apply to otherwise eligible pregnant women or children under age 19 who are special aliens and/or qualified aliens lawfully residing in the US.</b></p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I-551 with one of the following COA codes stamped on the lower left side of the back of a pink card demonstrates approval of a petition under C.3.j.(1)3. Above: IB1-IB3, IB6-IB8, B11, B12, B16, B17, B20-B29, B31-B33, B36-B38, BX1-BX3, or BX6-BX8.</li> <li>● I-551 with COA code Z13 <i>may</i> demonstrate approval of a petition. Ask the applicant where he or she received the grant of suspension of deportation. If received in Atlanta, Georgia, fax <a href="#">Figure 4</a> on county letterhead to (404) 331-4555 Executive Office for Immigration Review-Immigration Courts. (The Atlanta, Georgia office handles North Carolina cases.) Include a copy of any supporting documents provided by the individual, as well as a copy of the card and any other document(s) presented, to the EOIR court that granted the alien’s suspension. The phone number of the Atlanta office is (404)331-7647. The address is Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Building, 77 Forsyth Street, Room 112, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.</li> <li>● <b>NOTE:</b> If grant of suspension of deportation received at any other EOIR office, call DMA policy unit at (919)855-4000 for the fax number. The EOIR addresses, phone and fax numbers are located in a table in Section 00502.116M of the POMS manual.</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>BATTERED ALIEN</u></b><br/><b><u>CONTINUED</u></b><br/>Includes battered alien’s child and parent of a battered alien child</p> | <p>Eligible if entered the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996</p> <p>If admitted August 22, 1996 or after, ineligible for 5 years from the date they obtained qualified status.</p> <p>Eligible after the 5-year disqualification period.</p> <p><i>The 5 – year disqualification period does not apply to otherwise eligible pregnant women or children under age 19 who are special aliens and/or qualified aliens lawfully residing in the US.</i></p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unexpired Temporary I-551 stamp in foreign passport or on INS Form I-94 with one of the COA codes specified in the above list (if the temporary stamp or the INS Form I-94 bears the code Z13, follow the process described immediately above)</li> <li>● An order from an immigration judge (EOIR) or the Board of Immigration Appeals granting suspension of deportation</li> <li>● or cancellation of removal under VAWA (EOIR Form 42B) or an order from an immigration judge (EOIR) or Board of Immigration Appeals showing that applicant has established a prima facie case for suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal.</li> <li>● An approved I-360 establishing applicant as widow or widower of a U.S. citizen to whom the alien had been married for at least 2 years at the time of the citizen’s death.</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>BATTERED ALIEN</u></b><br/> <b><u>CONTINUED</u></b><br/>           Includes battered alien’s child and parent of a battered alien child</p> | <p>Eligible if entered the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996</p> <p>If admitted August 22, 1996 or after, ineligible for 5 years from the date they obtained qualified status.</p> <p>Eligible after the 5-year disqualification period.</p> <p><i>The 5 – year disqualification period does not apply to otherwise eligible pregnant women or children under age 19 who are special aliens and/or qualified aliens lawfully residing in the US.</i></p> |

**NOTE:** For battered aliens, the codes, types, and stamps in foreign passports or on the I-94 that demonstrates an approved petition or application under one of the provisions are too numerous to describe here. If an alien claiming pending or approved status, presents a code different than those listed, or if you cannot determine the class of admission from the I-551 stamp, send G-845S (See [Figure 8.](#)) along with a copy of the document(s) presented to USCIS.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-94</b> with stamp showing admission under 203(a)(7) of the INA, refugee-conditional entry</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated 274a.12(a)(3)</li> <li>● <b>I-766</b> (Employment Authorization Document) annotated “A3”</li> </ul>  | <p><b><u>CONDITIONAL ENTRANT</u></b></p>   | <p>Eligible if entered the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996</p> <p>If admitted August 22, 1996 or after, ineligible for 5 years from the date they obtained qualified status.</p> <p>Eligible after the 5-year disqualification period.</p> <p style="color: red;">The 5 – year disqualification period does not apply to otherwise eligible pregnant women or children under age 19 who are special aliens and/or qualified aliens lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-551</b> (Alien Registration Receipt Card) with the code CU6, CU7, or CH6</li> <li>● <b>Foreign passport</b> stamped with an unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code CU6 or CU7</li> <li>● <b>I-94</b> stamped with a unexpired temporary I-551 stamp with the code CU6 or CU7</li> <li>● <b>I-94</b> with stamp showing parole as “Cuban/Haitian Entrant” under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA.</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANT</u></b></p> | <p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Order of an immigration judge showing deportation withheld under section 243(h) of INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1997, or removal withheld under Sec. 241(b)(3) of the INA and date of grant</li> <li>● <b>I-571</b> Refugee Travel Document</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated 274a.12(a)(10)</li> <li>● <b>I-766</b> (Employment Authorization document) annotated "A10"</li> </ul>                | <p><b><u>DEPORTATION</u></b><br/><b><u>WITHHELD</u></b></p>              | <p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Iraqi or Afghan passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) category SI1, SI2, SI3, or SQ1, SQ2, SQ3 and DHS stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry</li> <li>● DHS Form I-551 (“green card”) showing Iraqi or Afghan nationality (or Iraqi or Afghan passport), with an IV (Immigrant Visa) code for this category S16, SI7, SI9 or SQ6, SQ7, SQ9</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>Iraqi or Afghan</u></b><br/><b><u>Special Immigrant</u></b></p> | <p>Effective December 19, 2009</p> <p>Eligible</p> <p>5 year disqualification period does not apply</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-551</b> Alien Registration receipt Card commonly referred to as "green card"</li> <li>● <b>Foreign passport</b> stamped with an unexpired temporary I-551 stamp</li> <li>● <b>I-94</b> annotated stamped with a temporary I-551 stamp (for recent arrivals or aliens who have applied for a replacement I-551) including the I-155 or I-94 stamped with AM-1, AM-2, AM-3, AM-6, AM-7, and AM-8</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>Lawfully Admitted for Permanent Residence (LPR)</u></b></p> | <p>Eligible if entered the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996 and were continuously present in the U.S. until obtaining qualified alien status.</p> <p>If admitted August 22, 1996 or after, ineligible for 5 years from the date they obtained qualified status.</p> <p>Eligible after the 5-year disqualification period.</p> <p style="color: red;">The 5 – year disqualification period does not apply to otherwise eligible pregnant women or children under age 19 who are special aliens and/or qualified aliens lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
| <p><b>I-94</b> annotated with stamp showing grant of parole under 212(d)(5) and a date showing granting of parole for at least 1 year. (Applicant cannot aggregate periods of admission for less than one year to meet the one-year requirement.)</p>   | <p><b><u>PAROLEE</u></b></p>   | <p>Eligible if entered the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996</p> <p>If admitted August 22, 1996 or after, ineligible for 5 years from the date they obtained qualified status.</p> <p>Eligible after the 5-year disqualification period.</p> <p style="color: red;">The 5 – year disqualification period does not apply to otherwise eligible pregnant women or children under age 19 who are special aliens and/or qualified aliens lawfully residing in the US.</p>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-94</b> stamped showing admission under section 207 of the INA and date of entry to the US</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated 274a.12(a)(3)</li> <li>● <b>I-766</b> (Employment Authorization document) annotated ‘A3’</li> <li>● <b>I-571</b> (Refugee Travel Document)</li> </ul> <p>(Refugees become eligible to apply for adjustment to LPR status after 12 months in the U.S., but it takes another 6-12 months to become approved. If adjusted to LPR status they are still considered refugees for eligibility purposes when they have a I-551 with a code of RE-6, RE-7, RE-8, or RE-9)</p> | <b><u>REFUGEE</u></b>   | <p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) certification letter</li> </ul>   | <b><u>TRAFFICKING VICTIM</u></b>  | <p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>DD-214</b> indicating honorable discharge, or</li> <li>● Discharge papers indicating honorable discharge</li> </ul>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>VETERAN</u></b></p> <p>(includes spouse and unmarried dependent children under 21)</p> | <p>Eligible</p> <p>5-year disqualification period does not apply.</p> |
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**The following 12 categories are referred to in the manual as “Special Aliens”:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-94</b> Arrival/Departure Record marked “CFA/MIS” “CFA/FSM” or “D/S” (duration of status) or other annotation indicating admission according to a Compact of Free Association</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(8)</li> <li>● Any verification from Department of Homeland Security (<b>DHS</b>) or other authoritative document.</li> </ul> | <p><u><b>Citizens of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau admitted on non-immigrant visas</b></u></p>           | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(2)</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul>  | <p><u><b>Temporary Resident Status</b></u> under section 210 or 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA);</p> | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(12)”</li> <li>● <b>I-797A</b> Approval Notice for Temporary Protected Status</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul>  | <p><u><b>Temporary Protected Status</b></u><br/><u><b>(TPS)</b></u></p>  | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b><br/>(Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(14)"</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b><br/>(Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(c)(24)"</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul>   | <p><b><u>“LIFE Act”<br/>Family Unity<br/>beneficiaries</u></b></p>  | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b><br/>(Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(11)</li> <li>● Approval Notice showing grant of Deferred Enforced Departure.</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul>  | <p><b><u>Deferred Enforced<br/>Departure</u></b></p>  | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b><br/>(Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(c)(9)</li> <li>● Receipt notice showing filing of form I-485 Application to Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status</li> <li>● ASC Appointment Notice showing Case Type I-485</li> <li>● Interview Notice showing case type I-485</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>Spouses or<br/>children of a U.S.<br/>citizen whose visa<br/>petitions have been<br/>approved and who<br/>have pending<br/>applications for<br/>adjustment of<br/>status</u></b></p> | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Form I-94</b> Arrival/Departure Record marked N-8 or N-9</li> <li>● Foreign passport containing non-immigrant visa marked N-8 or N-9</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(7)"</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul>  | <p><b><u>"N" Visa</u></b><br/><br/> <b>(parent or child of immigrant working for international organization)</b></p> | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Form I-94</b> Arrival/Departure Record marked K-1 or K-2</li> <li>● Foreign passport containing non-immigrant visa marked K-1 or K-2</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(6)" –</li> <li>● <b>I-797A Approval Notice</b> for I-129 Petition for Fiancé</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>"K" Visa</u></b><br/><br/> <b>(A Fiancé of a citizen or the fiancé's dependent)</b></p>                     | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Form I-94</b> Arrival/Departure Record marked R-1 or R-2</li> <li>● Foreign passport containing non-immigrant visa marked R-1 or R-2</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul>  | <p><b><u>"R" visa</u></b><br/> <b>(Religious worker)</b></p>   | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Form I-94</b> Arrival/Departure Record marked S-5, S-6, or S-7</li> <li>● Foreign passport containing non-immigrant visa marked S-5, S-6, or S-7</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(c)(21)"</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul>   | <p><b><u>"S" visa</u></b></p> <p><b>(Person assisting in a criminal investigation)</b></p> | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Form I-94</b> Arrival/Departure Record marked U-1, U-2, U-3, U-4, or U-5</li> <li>● Foreign passport containing non-immigrant visa marked U-1, U-2, U-3, U-4, or U-5</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(19) or (a)(20)"</li> <li>● <b>I-797A Approval Notice</b> for Petition for U-Non-Immigrant Status or Petition for Qualifying Family Member of U-1 Recipient</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>"U" visa</u></b></p> <p><b>(Victims of qualifying crimes)</b></p>                 | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Form I-94</b> Arrival/Departure Record marked V-1, V-2, or V-3</li> <li>● Foreign passport containing non-immigrant visa marked V-1, V-2, or V-3</li> <li>● <b>I-766 OR I-688B</b> (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a.12(a)(15)"</li> <li>● <b>I-797A Approval Notice</b> for Extension or Change of Non-Immigrant Status showing "Class: V"</li> <li>● Any verification from DHS or other authoritative document</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>"V" visa</u></b></p> <p><b>(Individuals with petitions pending for 3 years or more)</b></p> | <p>Eligible for Medicaid for emergency medical services only.</p> <p>Full Medicaid eligibility applies to otherwise eligible pregnant women or minor children under the age of 19 lawfully residing in the US.</p> |
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