

# Policy Clarifications

## Medicaid – All

### PMA- 18727-950

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**Agency:** CAOs

**Subject:** Providing a Social Security Number (SSN) for Medical Assistance (MA)

**Question:** Is verification of an SSN always required prior to authorizing MA?

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**Response By:** Division of Health Services

**Date:**

No. Federal regulations explain that MA must not be delayed or denied when:

1. An otherwise eligible individual is pending issuance or verification of an SSN by the Social Security Administration (SSA).
2. An otherwise eligible individual meets any of the following exceptions:
  - Is not eligible to receive an SSN.
  - Does not have an SSN and may only be issued an SSN for a valid non-work reason.
  - Refuses to obtain an SSN due to well-established religious objections.

**Example:** Henry is a lawfully present non-citizen who is residing in the US with a temporary work visa. He has an SSN because he is authorized to work. Henry's children, Luke and Leanne are also lawfully present non-citizens with temporary visas. They do not have SSNs. Luke and Leanne are not required to apply for SSNs to be authorized MA because they do not have work authorization and would not be eligible be issued SSNs from the SSA.

Please refer to **MAEH 378.31 Verification** for more information on this policy. This Policy Clarification will be obsoleted once updates are made to **SHB 950 Enumeration**.