



Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services

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SUBJECT: Changes for Noncitizen Federally Funded Medical Assistance (MA) Eligibility under House Resolution 1 (H.R. 1) that are Effective October 1, 2026

TO: Executive Directors

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PURPOSE

1. To inform the County Assistance Offices (CAOs) of changes to noncitizen eligibility for federally funded MA (also known as Medicaid), including Long-Term Care (LTC) and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), beginning **October 1, 2026**, due to the federal reconciliation law (Pub L. 119-21), also known as H.R. 1.
2. To introduce the CAO to the new updates to the Electronic Client Information System (eCIS), logic/eligibility rules, applications, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Access to Social Services (COMPASS) and notices, which are effective with a **system release on September 19, 2026**.

SUMMARY AND CHANGE

Old Policy	New Policy
Qualified Noncitizens were eligible for federally funded MA benefits if they met certain requirements. The following Qualified Noncitizens were eligible for federally funded MA prior to the implementation of H.R. 1: Refugees, Asylees, Humanitarian Parolees, Victims of domestic violence or trafficking,	H.R. 1 amends federal law and changes federally funded MA eligibility (including LTC and HCBS) for certain Qualified Noncitizens. Unless Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) qualifying as lawfully present and either pregnant/postpartum or under age 21, now, under H.R. 1, only Lawful

Old Policy	New Policy
noncitizens with deportation withheld, and noncitizens granted conditional entry.	Permanent Residents (LPRs), Cuban or Haitian entrants (CHEs), and Compact of Free Association (COFA) Migrants are considered eligible Qualified Noncitizens for federally funded MA effective October 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND

H.R. 1 ([Pub. L. 119-21](#)), signed into federal law on July 4, 2025, limits noncitizens who are eligible for federally funded MA beginning October 1, 2026. In this circumstance, federally funded MA includes all MA budgets except for the following:

- Non-Money Payment General Assistance (GA)-related MA budgets PD 00, 21, 22, 38, 39
- Medically Needy Only (MNO) GA-related MA budgets TD 00, 22
- Workers with Job Success budgets PW/PI 01, 02, 03
- State Blind Pension budgets SBP 00, 80
- Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) budgets PC/PCN 02

NOTE: Noncitizens who are not eligible for federally funded MA based on their immigration status can still receive *limited* federally funded MA to cover services related to their Emergency Medical Condition (EMC) only. This is also known as Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA).

Individuals who remain eligible for federally funded MA

The following individuals will remain eligible for federally funded MA as long as they continue to meet other eligibility requirements for the federally funded MA category:

- United States (U.S.) Citizens
- U.S. Nationals
- LPRs (after the five-year bar, unless they meet an exemption)
- CHEs
- COFA migrants
- CHIPRA qualifying applicants and recipients
 - Lawfully present noncitizens who are under age 21
 - Lawfully present noncitizens who are pregnant or in their 12-month postpartum period

NOTE: If a noncitizen has an immigration status that falls under Citizenship Code 02 (LPR/Other Qualified Noncitizen), 03 (Temporary Noncitizen), 04

(Refugee/Asylee), or 06 (Unaccompanied Refugee Minor), they have an immigration status that is considered **lawfully present**.

Noncitizens who will no longer be eligible for federally funded MA

The following noncitizens will no longer be eligible for federally funded MA if they are age 21 or older and are not pregnant or in their 12-month postpartum period:

- Refugees
- Asylees
- Humanitarian Parolees
- Victims of domestic violence or trafficking
- Noncitizens with deportation withheld
- Noncitizens granted conditional entry

Noncitizen federally funded MA eligibility policy unchanged by H.R. 1

Changes under H.R. 1 do not impact Section 214 of CHIPRA, [Pub. L. 111-3](#).

- Lawfully present noncitizens who are under age 21 or pregnant or in their 12-month postpartum period may receive federally funded MA.
- Lawfully present noncitizens who are under 19 may receive the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Lawfully present individuals include LPRs, other Qualified Noncitizens, Refugees, and other individuals granted stay, etc. See [Medical Assistance Eligibility Handbook \(MAEH\) 322.32](#) for more information.

Changes under H.R. 1 do not change the definition of who is a Qualified Noncitizen under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity and Reconciliation Act of 1996, [Pub. L. 104-193](#).

Changes under H.R. 1 do not make changes to the five-year bar. The same requirements and exemptions from the five-year bar apply when the individual becomes an eligible noncitizen.

DISCUSSION/PROCEDURES

Current Recipients

Noncitizens who may no longer be eligible for federally funded MA beginning October 1, 2026, must have their immigration status reviewed to determine if they have satisfactory immigration status to remain eligible for federally funded MA. If they do not remain eligible for federally funded MA, they must be reviewed for other MA programs they may be eligible for, which include:

- **RMA** – Time-limited MA that is funded by ORR and is only available during the RMA time frame from the individual's date of entry.
- **GA-related MA** – State funded MA that is available for lawfully present noncitizens age 21 or older and not pregnant or in their 12-month postpartum period.
- **EMA** – Limited federally funded MA that only covers services related to the individual's EMC.

NOTE: Noncitizens can be eligible concurrently for GA-related MA and EMA see [Operations Memorandum \(Ops Memo\) 22-07-02 - Emergency Medical Assistance \(EMA\) for Noncitizens](#) for processing instructions.

Pre-October 1, 2026

Identified noncitizens must have their federally funded MA closed on September 30, 2026, with 15-day advance notice. To provide the required advance notice before new noncitizen system functionality is available extraordinary steps were taken for this population.

This process involved sending the [H.R. 1 MA Noncitizen Mailer \(CM 713\)](#) to current noncitizen recipients who were identified as receiving federally funded MA and may no longer be eligible for federally funded MA as of October 1, 2026. The Processing Center (PC) managed the response or non-response to this mailing. A [Second H.R. 1 MA Noncitizen Mailer \(CM 713.1\)](#) was issued by September 15, 2026, to provide advance notice of closure of this population's federally funded MA budget on September 30, 2026.

A system process will be used to attempt to process eligibility according to new system rules for most of the individuals whose eligibility must end and who must be evaluated for other MA. Upon evaluation, these individuals will be sent an eligibility notice. Individuals whose eligibility cannot be run by the system process or who require manual processing for other MA programs, such as EMA and RMA, will be handled by the PC. If the system process results in a run of eligibility an auto-case comment will be added.

Individuals who are no longer eligible for federally funded MA as of October 1, 2026, will have the following end dated September 30, 2026, to prevent federal claiming:

- a) Federally funded MA budget
- b) Physical Health Managed Care
- c) Behavioral Health Managed Care
- d) Waiver Code (if applicable)

Post-October 1, 2026

The CAO will verify a noncitizen's immigration status at application, when an adjustment in immigration status is reported or expected, and at renewal, following policy in [Ops Memo - 26-03-01](#) and in [Cash Assistance Handbook 122](#), [MAEH 322](#), [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Handbook \(SNAP HB\) 522](#), and [CHIP HB 1105](#). If the noncitizen is not in an eligible immigration status to receive federally funded MA benefits, the CAO must review for other MA benefits, such as GA-related MA, RMA, and EMA.

For recipients who are no longer eligible for federally funded MA beginning October 1, 2026, because of their immigration status, the CAO will take the following steps:

- Attempt to electronically verify their immigration status through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE).
- If more information is needed to initiate or continue the SAVE request, send an Appointment Notice and Verification Checklist (PA 253), requesting verification.
- If the individual does not respond to the PA 253, close the individual's MA with advance notice.
- If the individual responds with documentation that suggests they have U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status, such as expired documentation or documentation that conflicts with SAVE, or a written statement that says they have U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status, and the information provided cannot be verified through SAVE, provide the individual with a Reasonable Opportunity Period (ROP).

REMINDER: To provide an ROP, the CAO will change the Citizenship Verification Code on the Demographics screen to P – Pending Verification and provide the individual with 95 days to provide verification (90 days for the ROP and five days for mailing). Ensure a VERF 062 alert is set with a due date of 101 days. If the individual fails to provide citizenship verification by the end of the ROP, the CAO must close MA with a 15-day advance notice within 30 days from the date the ROP ends if the individual has not made good faith effort to provide necessary verification. If the individual is making a good faith effort to provide the necessary documentation, and there is a reasonable expectation that verification will be provided, the worker may extend the ROP.

- If the individual responds with information and/or the SAVE indicates they do not have U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status for federally funded

MA, the CAO must review the individual for other MA programs in Pennsylvania they may be eligible for, which include:

- **RMA** – Time-limited MA that is funded by ORR and is only available during the RMA time frame from the individual's date of entry.
- **GA-related MA** – State funded MA that is available for lawfully present noncitizens age 21 or older and not pregnant or in their 12-month postpartum period.
- **EMA** – Limited federally funded MA that only covers services related to the individual's EMC.

Appeals

The CAO will reopen noncitizens who had their federally funded MA closed due to H.R. 1 and will be placed back into their federally funded MA category if they appeal timely, following policy in [Supplemental HB \(SHB\) 870.3](#). For the pre-October 1, 2026, population, for MA benefits to continue, the form must be postmarked or received on or before October 1, 2026.

New Applicants/Recipients

Because of the timing of the release for the new logic and the implementation of the eligibility policy, there may be a need to override in scenarios where noncitizens are eligible prior to October 1, 2026, but no longer meet eligibility criteria October 1, 2026, and ongoing. If the CAO processes eligibility for a noncitizen who is eligible for federally funded MA in September 2026 and prior months, but who is not eligible beginning October 1, 2026, because of their immigration status, an override to authorize a federally funded category will need to be completed. The CAO will process the override for the months a noncitizen is found eligible prior to October 1, 2026, and ensure the appropriate manual notice is sent for the time frame.

Noncitizens who provide documentation that suggests they have eligible immigration status, such as expired documentation or documentation that conflicts with SAVE, or attest in writing that they have eligible immigration status, may continue to be provided with an ROP. If that ROP results in the CAO verifying that the individual does not have eligible immigration status, that is allowed and federal payment can still be claimed for that period. For more information on the ROP and who should be provided with one, see the "ROP" section below.

Current Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients

Changes under H.R. 1 also impact MA eligibility for SSI recipients. Although H.R. 1 did not change noncitizen eligibility for the Social Security Administration's (SSA) SSI program, it did change noncitizen eligibility for federally funded MA. In

Pennsylvania, when someone is eligible for SSI, they are automatically eligible for federally funded MA and State Supplementary Payment (SSP). The SSA makes this determination and, usually, SSI recipients are auto opened. The changes under H.R. 1 for noncitizen MA eligibility created a difference in policy between SSI and federally funded MA.

Most individuals who are eligible for SSI/SSP but are no longer eligible for federally funded MA because of noncitizen eligibility changes under H.R. 1 will continue to receive MA, but it will be state funded. Pennsylvania statute [62 P.S. § 441.1\(a\)\(1\)](#) requires that individuals shall be eligible for MA if they are eligible for SSP.

Exception: Continued eligibility for payment of LTC and HCBS for SSI recipients who do not have eligible immigration status to receive federally funded MA is not dependent on receipt of SSI/SSP. Like non-LTC/HCBS SSI/SSP recipients, these individuals will continue to receive state funded MA due to the receipt of SSI/SSP. However, individuals who are not in an eligible immigration status for federally funded MA cannot receive payment of HCBS. Current SSI/SSP recipients receiving waiver services will have their waiver code end dated. Current SSI/SSP recipients receiving LTC facility services may continue to receive LTC facility services while eligible for state funded MA. See the “LTC Facility and HCBS” section of this Ops Memo for more information specific to these programs.

The SSA is not reverifying immigration status for current SSI recipients, but updates will be reflected when an SSI recipient’s record is updated beginning October 1, 2026 (see “New SSI Recipients” section below).

Current SSI recipients who are no longer eligible for federally funded MA have been identified by the Office of Income Maintenance (OIM) Headquarters (HQ) and will have their managed care and waiver code (if applicable) ended through a routine data fix and will be reviewed so federal payment is not claimed for services provided. Changes to managed care and waiver codes for this population do not require worker action.

New SSI Recipients/1619(b) Eligibles

Beginning October 1, 2026, the SSA will be making updates to Data Exchange (DX) 6 to communicate when there is a noncitizen who is eligible for SSI but must be reviewed by the state. The SSA will start only sending a Medicaid Eligibility Code of “Y” (*Eligible for Medicaid – 1634 States Only*) for U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and eligible noncitizens and will send a Medicaid Eligibility Code of “R” (*Referred to State for determination (1634 States) – Federal determination not possible*) for individuals who have a noncitizen status that must be reviewed by the state.

The “R” code will not specifically reflect that the individual is ineligible for federally funded MA. The “R” code denotes that the state must review and determine what the individual is eligible for based on their situation and Alien code(s) on DX 6.

EXAMPLE: If an SSI recipient has current payment status, is under age 21 or pregnant or in their 12-month postpartum period and has a Medicaid Eligibility Code “R” because they are an asylee, they would be eligible for federally funded MA because asylees are lawfully present and they would be covered under the CHIPRA option.

The “R” code change SSA will be making also applies to those under the Special SSI Category Disabled – Employment, also known as the 1619(b) Eligibles (PA/PJ/PM 85). SSA will begin sending a Medicaid Eligibility Code of “R” for these individuals who have a noncitizen status that must be reviewed by the state.

If the “R” code is for a noncitizen who would be covered under the CHIPRA option, the noncitizen can maintain their eligibility in the 1619(b) Eligibles budget. If they are no longer eligible for federally funded MA, they must be reviewed for other MA, to include GA-related MA, RMA, and EMA before being closed.

SSI records received beginning October 1, 2026, with a Current Pay Status and an “R” Medicaid Eligibility Code will be identified by OIM HQ and they will have their managed care ended through a routine data fix and will be reviewed so federal payment is not claimed for services provided. Changes to managed care do not require worker action.

LTC Facility and HCBS

RMA in the LTC (PCN02) Budget

Beginning October 1, 2026, refugees (Citizenship Code 04) are no longer eligible for federally funded MA unless they are CHIPRA eligible. Refugees may be reviewed for LTC eligibility in the PCN02 category.

To be eligible for the PCN02 category, the refugee must meet the RMA non-financial requirements as well as the income and resource limits of the PC02 category. They must also meet the functional eligibility and post-eligibility verification requirements found in the LTC HB. All standard LTC forms (Medical Evaluation Form (MA 51)/LTC Admission and Discharge Transmittal Form (MA 103)) are required.

[SHB Section 730.5](#) includes detailed information about RMA non-financial and financial requirements, but a few key points for refugees applying for LTC are as follows:

- Eligibility for LTC facility services will not begin until the date the individual is verified functionally and financially eligible for LTC facility, which can be as

early as the refugee's date of entry.

- The resource limit is the MNO resource limit and there is no standard \$6,000 resource disregard.
- A monthly cost of care must be manually determined.

Follow the [LTC Procedural Desk Guide](#) for correct income and resource direction on reviewing and processing eligibility for refugees in PCN02.

NOTE: Refugees authorized in an RMA budget are not eligible for HCBS. Waiver codes should not be entered in the PC02 RMA budget, and the PCW02 category should not be utilized.

Authorizing LTC Facility Benefits in State-Funded MA Budgets

Lawfully present noncitizens who are not eligible for federally funded MA and who are not SSI/SSP recipients may be eligible to receive payment of LTC facility services if they are eligible for a GA-related category of MA. These individuals must meet all GA-related MA requirements, including the GA-related MA income and resource limits found in the MAEH. These individuals must also be verified functionally eligible for LTC facility services and meet spousal impoverishment and fair consideration provisions found in the LTC HB. A monthly payment towards their cost of care must be created for individuals eligible for GA-related MA and LTC facility services.

All standard LTC forms (MA 51 and MA 103) are required. Please see the [LTC Procedural Desk Guide](#) for more detailed information about reviewing eligibility for LTC facility services in a GA budget.

Reminder: SSI/SSP recipients and other noncitizens who are not in an eligible immigration status to receive federally funded MA are not eligible to receive HCBS. The state funded GA-related MA categories PD and TD do not cover HCBS. A waiver code should never be entered for an individual receiving MA in a PD or TD category.

System Updates to Support H.R. 1 Noncitizen Eligibility Changes

The following system and form changes will be made on **September 19, 2026**, to comply with noncitizen eligibility changes under H.R. 1.

Citizenship Codes and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Status Codes

The eCIS Demographics screen "Citizenship" dropdown will be updated for Citizenship Code 02, which will have new descriptive text. The descriptive text will be changing from "Permanent Resident/Qualified Noncitizen" to "Lawful Permanent

Resident/Other Qualified Noncitizen.” This updated text more clearly defines who falls under this citizenship code and aligns with USCIS Status Code changes discussed below.

The eCIS Noncitizen/Refugee screen “USCIS Status” drop down will be updated for the five existing USCIS values, which will have new descriptive text. Additionally, 18 new USCIS Statuses will be available for selection. The drop down will also be updated so that “USCIS Status” code 05 for COFA Migrants that is currently associated with Citizenship Code 03, will have new descriptive text and instead be associated with Citizenship Code 02 – Lawful Permanent Resident/Other Qualified Noncitizen (See [Ops Memo - 25-01-03](#) for more information on COFA Migrants).

The full updated list of Citizenship codes and USCIS Status codes is as follows:

- **01** – U.S. Citizen
 - N/A
- **02** – LPR/Other Qualified Noncitizen
 - **01** – LPR subject to the five-year bar
 - **02** – LPR who was admitted as a Refugee/Asylee (Special Immigrant Visa (SIV), T Visa holder, CHE, etc.) - Not subject (Exempt) to the five-year bar
 - **06** – LPR who was NOT admitted as a Refugee/Asylee (SIV, T Visa holder, CHE, etc.) and who is not subject (Exempt) to the five-year bar
 - **05** – COFA Migrant – Residing in the U.S. in accordance with a Compact of Free Association referred to in 8 U.S.C. 1612(b)(2)(G)
 - **07** – Noncitizen granted parole into the U.S. under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) Section 212(d)(5) for at least one year
 - **08** – Noncitizen whose deportation is being withheld under INA Section 243(h) as in effect prior to April 1, 1997, or whose removal is withheld under INA Section 241(b)(3)
 - **09** – Noncitizen granted conditional entry under INA Section 203(a)(7) as in effect prior to April 1, 1980
 - **10** – Noncitizen subject to battery or extreme cruelty in the U.S. by a spouse or a parent, or by a member of the spouse or parent’s family living in the same household as the noncitizen at the time of abuse
 - **11** – Non-T Visa holder - A noncitizen who has been granted nonimmigrant status as a victim of trafficking under Section 101(a)(15)(T) of the INA (8 U.S.C. Section 1101(a)(15)(T)) or who has a pending application that sets forth a prima facie case for eligibility for such nonimmigrant status
 - **12** – Qualified noncitizen lawfully residing in any state who is an honorably discharged veteran, or who is on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, or who is the spouse, unmarried dependent child or

- unmarried surviving spouse of such a veteran or active service member
- **13** – Member of a federally-recognized Indian tribe, as defined in 25 U.S.C. Section 450b(e) as “any Indian tribe, band, nation or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in, or established pursuant to, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act”
- **14** – Native American born in Canada to whom INA Section 289 applies, who is at least 50 percent Native American blood
- **03** – Temporary Noncitizen
 - **03** – Lawfully Present Noncitizen
- **04** – Refugee/Asylee
 - **15** – Refugee admitted to the U.S. under INA Section 207 (REF)
 - **16** – Asylee granted asylum under INA Section 208 (ASY)
 - **17** – CHE as defined in Section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (CHE)
 - **18** – Iraqi and Afghani SIV holder who does not have LPR status (SIV)
 - **19** – T Visa holder - Victim of a severe form of trafficking under Section 107(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), Public Law 106-386 and applicant for a Victim of Trafficking Visa (VOT)
 - **20** – Amerasian admitted under Section 584 of Public Law 100-202 as amended by Public Law 100-461 who does not have Lawful Permanent Resident Status (AMR)
 - **21** – Afghan Parolee in accordance with Section 2502 of Public Law 117-43, as amended (AHP)
 - **22** – Ukrainian Parolee in accordance with Section 401 of Public Law 117-128, as amended (UHP)
- **05** – Undefined
 - **04** - Undefined
- **06** – Unaccompanied Refugee Minor
 - **02** – LPR admitted as a Refugee/Asylee – Not subject to the five-year bar
 - **23** – Refugee/Asylee (SIV, T Visa holder, CHE, etc.)

NOTE: USCIS Status Code 06 will be located before USCIS Status Code 05 in the drop down because 05 was an existing USCIS Status Code and 06 is a newly created USCIS Status Code that goes with the other LPR USCIS

Status Codes.

Eligibility logic will be driven from the Citizenship code and corresponding USCIS Status code values. These updates impact MA, LTC, HCBS, EMA, CHIP, SNAP, Cash Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance, and RMA. There will be no impacts to current Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program eligibility logic. See [Attachment 2: Noncitizen Desk Guide](#) for a breakdown of each Citizenship Code/USCIS Status Code and their corresponding eCIS benefit program eligibility.

IMPORTANT: The CAO must enter noncitizens' immigration information accurately on the Demographics and Noncitizen/Refugee screens so correct eligibility determinations are made.

Reasonable Opportunity Period (ROP)

An ROP allows an individual who appears to meet federally funded MA citizenship requirements time to provide citizenship verification while receiving federally funded MA. To receive an ROP an individual must provide documentation that suggests they have U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status, such as expired documentation or documentation that conflicts with SAVE, or a written statement that says they have U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status.

There are two system changes for ROP:

1. With this system change, ROP eligibility logic will be updated to provide an ROP based on the citizenship code and relevant USCIS status code when citizenship is pending verification for an individual who is eligible for federally funded MA, with exceptions for "Citizenship Code 05 – Undefined," EMA in general, and "Citizenship Code 06 – Unaccompanied Refugee Minor" because these individuals are authorized in a specialized process. Individuals with a pending "Citizenship Code 01 – U.S. Citizen" will not change.
2. With this system change, the one-time ROP limit will be removed in eCIS and eCIS will end-date the ROP when the MA budget closes. These changes will allow the creation of a new ROP record upon a subsequent MA request and a new ROP due date to be calculated as required by federal rules. The PA 253 and VERF 062 alert logic will ignore end-dated ROP history, and ROP will not be stored on the Master Client Index.

Verify Lawful Presence (VLP) Updates

VLP is triggered on the Noncitizen/Refugee screen and is a real-time data source that is used to verify immigration status. VLP will have a new indicator (MC Eligible Noncitizen – MC ENC) to support H.R. 1 noncitizen eligibility changes, but this new indicator will not impact the CAO's current processes. Individuals who are considered

eligible noncitizens and who have this indicator as a “Yes” - LPRs, CHEs and COFA Migrants - will be passed to eCIS with a verification code of “V.” Other lawfully present noncitizens who have their immigration status verified through VLP will continue to be passed to eCIS with a verification code of “V.”

Notice Updates

The following updates will be made for notices:

- **Updated Notices for Noncitizen Eligibility Changes** – Text and citation changes for MA and SNAP notices.
- **New System-Generated RMA Closure Notice** – Updates to the system will be implemented to generate and send the existing RMA closure notice as an advance notice with the correct effective closure date, including the first day of ineligibility shown as the MA Budget Authorization close date plus one day, when closed.
- **RMA in LTC Budget Notice Updates** – The system will be updated to allow the CAO to manually select a discontinue notice.

COMPASS Updates

The existing citizenship status dropdown will be modified to update the text for the “Perm resident/Qualified Noncitizen” option to “Lawful Permanent Resident/Other Qualified Noncitizen.” This modification will be reflected across the COMPASS flows and will be on the COMPASS Summary Portable Document Format (PDF).

The Presumptive Eligibility (PE) worksheet will be modified to include an additional question, “Are you a Cuban Haitian Entrant or COFA Migrant?”. This question will be shown to all PE applicants, and the question and user’s response will be reflected on the COMPASS PE PDF. Additionally, the initial PE eligibility determination within COMPASS will also be modified to include additional citizenship and CHE/COFA eligibility rules.

Application for Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities, PA 600 WD Updates

The [PA 600 WD](#) required changes due to the noncitizen eligibility changes under H.R. 1 because it requested immigration be entered using citizenship codes and included other outdated information. The [PA 600 WD](#) will now ask whether they have eligible immigration status and align with other application and renewal forms.

NEXT STEPS

1. Share and review this information with appropriate staff members.

2. Direct questions regarding this Ops Memo to your Area Manager.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: [Second H.R. 1 MA Noncitizen Mailer](#)

Attachment 2: [Noncitizen Desk Guide](#)

Attachment 3: [Identifying and Verifying Cuban Haitian Entrants \(CHE\) Desk Guide](#)