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**MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO.** 09-09

**DATE:** April 3, 2009

**TO:** CWA Directors  
ISS Area Supervisors  
Statewide Eligibility Determination Agency

**SUBJECT:** Revision to Medicaid Communication # 06-05  
Medicare Beneficiaries Exempt from Citizenship Documentation  
and Identity Requirement Under the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA)

As you are aware, effective July 1, 2006, a new federal requirement included in the DRA requires all U.S. citizens and nationals applying for or renewing their Medicaid coverage to provide documentation of identity and their citizenship status.

An additional group of individuals exempt from the identity and citizenship documentation requirement are Medicare beneficiaries. Photocopies of the applicant's Medicare card should be retained in the case record as evidence that the DRA documentation was not required.

Should you have any questions, please contact your field representative assigned to your county at 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,

John R. Guhl  
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