



## Joint Guidance on Citizenship, Immigration Status and Social Security Numbers

Policy Guidance for State agencies administering:

- Medicaid
- State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Stamp Program

"Policy Guidance" is a joint memorandum signed by officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Administration for Children and Families and the Health Care Financing Administration in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It was sent on September 21, 2000. It contains policy guidance for State agencies on handling issues involving citizenship, immigration status, and social security numbers of persons in households seeking assistance. "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers" and "Sample Interim Notice" were sent with the memorandum as attachments.

- [Policy Guidance \(PDF 604KB\)](#) (Joint memo sent 9/21/2000)
- [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)
- [Sample Interim Notice](#)