



**MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY MANUAL TRANSMITTAL LETTER (MEMTL) NO. 191**

**To:** All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

**From:** Maureen M. Corcoran, Director

**Subject:** Medicaid: United States (U.S.) citizenship documentation.

This MEMTL contains one amended rule from Chapter 5160:1-2 of the Administrative Code, adopted under section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

The effective date is January 1, 2023.

The following Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule was amended:

**Chapter 5160:1-2 | Medicaid Application Procedures**

**Rule 5160:1-2-11 | Medicaid: United States (U.S.) citizenship documentation.**

This rule was amended to reflect the January 1, 2023, establishment of a federally subsidized Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP) in Ohio that complements the state's existing state-funded kinship care programs. Kinship care is a temporary or permanent arrangement in which an adult relative or non-relative, who has a long-standing relationship with a child in foster care, takes over full-time care of the child. KGAP will provide ongoing financial support to kinship caregivers who commit to legal guardianship of a child in their care.

Paragraph (B) was amended to reflect that an individual who is receiving federal Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP) payments under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act (as in effect October 1, 2022), is not required to verify his/her U.S. citizenship. Incorporation by reference effective dates are also being updated.

This information is also available on the Ohio Department of Medicaid website and may be accessed at:

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