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SUBJECT: Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women and Residency

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This is a clarification concerning the documentation requirements for identity and residency of pregnant women, particularly students attending college in a county other than their county of residence.

The Department is sending presumptive eligibility providers a letter with instructions to obtain documentation of identity and residence when the pregnant woman is applying for presumptive eligibility in a county other than their county of permanent residence. The applicant's driver's license, student identification card or other credible evidence is sufficient verification of identity and permanent residence. The providers will be instructed to send this documentation with the presumptive eligibility checklist and application to the pregnant woman's county of permanent residence/district of fiscal responsibility. An exception to this policy exists when the local social services office in the county where the pregnant woman is applying agrees to take a courtesy application. The courtesy application, including the presumptive eligibility checklist and documentation, will then be forwarded to the county of fiscal responsibility.