
The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system is used to validate the immigration status of eligible non-citizen applicants for certain programs, and for enrollees who report a change in immigration status.

SAVE is an information-sharing initiative that allows authorized staff to validate a non-citizen's immigration status by accessing **USCIS** data. The **USCIS** will protect people's privacy to the maximum degree possible, in accordance with the Immigration and Nationality Act and other applicable statutes. No consent for release of information is required to use SAVE.

Use SAVE to validate the non-citizen status of eligible non-citizen applicants and of enrollees who report a status change for the following health care programs:

- > MA. This includes state-funded MA (program NM), except for undocumented and non-immigrant people receiving services from the Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) or undocumented/non-immigrant pregnant women.
- > Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA).
- > GAMC.
- > MinnesotaCare for families with children.

Do NOT use SAVE for the following programs:

- > EMA.
- > State-funded MA (program NM) for people whose eligibility is based solely on receipt of services from the Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) or who are undocumented/non-immigrant pregnant women.
- > MinnesotaCare for adults without children.

SAVE does not determine eligibility for health care programs or provide information unrelated to a person's immigration status. It does not replace the requirement for non-citizens to provide verification of their immigration status. It is not a reporting mechanism. The **USCIS** cannot use information provided to workers by SAVE for the purpose of administrative (non-criminal) enforcement of immigration laws.

To use SAVE for applicants:

1. Request verification of immigration status if required for the programs(s) for

which the person is applying. See §0906.03.11 (Verification of Immigration Status).

2. Determine eligibility for the appropriate program(s).
3. If the non-citizen applicant submits required documentation of immigration status and has verified eligibility for the program, submit to SAVE through the Automated Status Verification System (ASVS). Do not delay or deny approval pending SAVE primary or secondary verification if the applicant is eligible based on the documentation provided.

To use SAVE for enrollees who report a change in immigration status:

1. Request verification of the new status.
2. Redetermine eligibility based on the new status.
3. If the non-citizen submits verification and remains eligible, submit through ASVS. Do not reduce or terminate coverage pending SAVE verification.
4. If the non-citizen is no longer eligible based on verification provided, do not submit to SAVE. Consider eligibility for other programs.

Do NOT use SAVE:

- > When the immigration status claimed and the **USCIS** documentation provided by the applicant/enrollee cause ineligibility for the programs applied for, and the applicant/enrollee does not claim a different status.
- > When the applicant or enrollee is ineligible for other reasons, such as income, assets or other coverage.
- > For people who are not requesting coverage for themselves.
- > When people withdraw their applications before SAVE validation has occurred.

See TEMP Manual TE02.12.19 (SAVE System) and TE02.12.20 (SAVE Secondary Responses).

MinnesotaCare:

Follow general provisions for families with children. Do not use SAVE for adults without children.

MA:

Follow general provisions. Do not use SAVE for EMA.

GAMC:

Follow general provisions.