

.11 Continuously Residing - MA

Certain qualified noncitizens (LPR, parolee, and battered) who do not meet the five year date of entry requirement may establish eligibility for full services MA.

These noncitizens must provide documentation that indicates they have been residing continuously in the U.S. since August 22, 1996.

Continuous residency must be verified from August 22, 1996 to the U.S. entry date on their USCIS document.

There must be no absences longer than 30 continuous days, and the total of all absences must be less than 90 days out of the U.S. from the time they entered the U.S. up to the date their status (LPR, parolee, or battered) was approved.

When it has been determined there is potential eligibility for the qualified noncitizen, complete the following:

- Request that the qualified noncitizen complete a written statement.
The statement must include the date the noncitizen arrived in the U.S. and indicate all absences from the U.S. from that date until the date their LPR, parolee, or battered noncitizen status was approved. (See Example [Continuously Residing](#))

- In addition, the participant must provide documentation to support the statement of the qualified noncitizen that they reside in the U.S. and have continuously resided in the U.S. since PRIOR to August 22, 1996. Several documents may be required to support presence in the U.S. The documentation may include, but is not limited to, the following:

Driver's license

Motor vehicle title(s) that lists the noncitizen

Rent or lease receipts or agreements that list the noncitizen

Church records

School records for children that list the noncitizen

Income tax returns

Medical records

Statement from doctors indicating time frames the noncitizen was treated

Statement from clergy

Attorney records

USCIS records

Employment records

WARNING

Once every effort has been made to obtain the documentation, it must be sent to the [Policy Support Team](#) (PST) to evaluate on a case by case basis, PRIOR to determining full services MA eligibility for these applicants. When the evaluation of continuously residing is completed, the PST responds within five work days, via e-mail to the EI with a copy to the Local Office Manager and Program Manager.