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**REMOVE**

Removed from Clarifying Information #2: “DSHS”.

Removed from the same paragraph: “on this program”.

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Added “Refugee resettlement agencies and Community Based Organizations (CBO)” instead.

**Summary**

Removed language pertaining to DSHS contracted naturalization services and replaced it with naturalization agencies. Track changes below:

Becoming a citizen (naturalizing) is not a program requirement for any state or federal benefit. Generally, a client is not eligible to naturalize until 5 years after they have attained legal status, but there are some exceptions. ~~DSHS~~ [Refugee resettlement agencies and Community Based Organizations \(CBO\)](#) provides naturalization assistance to those immigrants receiving state or federal benefits so that they can become citizens. For more information ~~on this program~~, see the [Social Services Manual SSI Facilitation Chapter](#), for non-U.S. citizens. Immigrants who don't become citizens and lose SSI due to expiration of seven years of refugee status (which also affects asylees, victims of trafficking, Cuban Haitian entrants, Amerasians, and those granted withholding of removal) will be provided GA or TANF, Basic Food, and medical assistance, assuming they are otherwise eligible.

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