

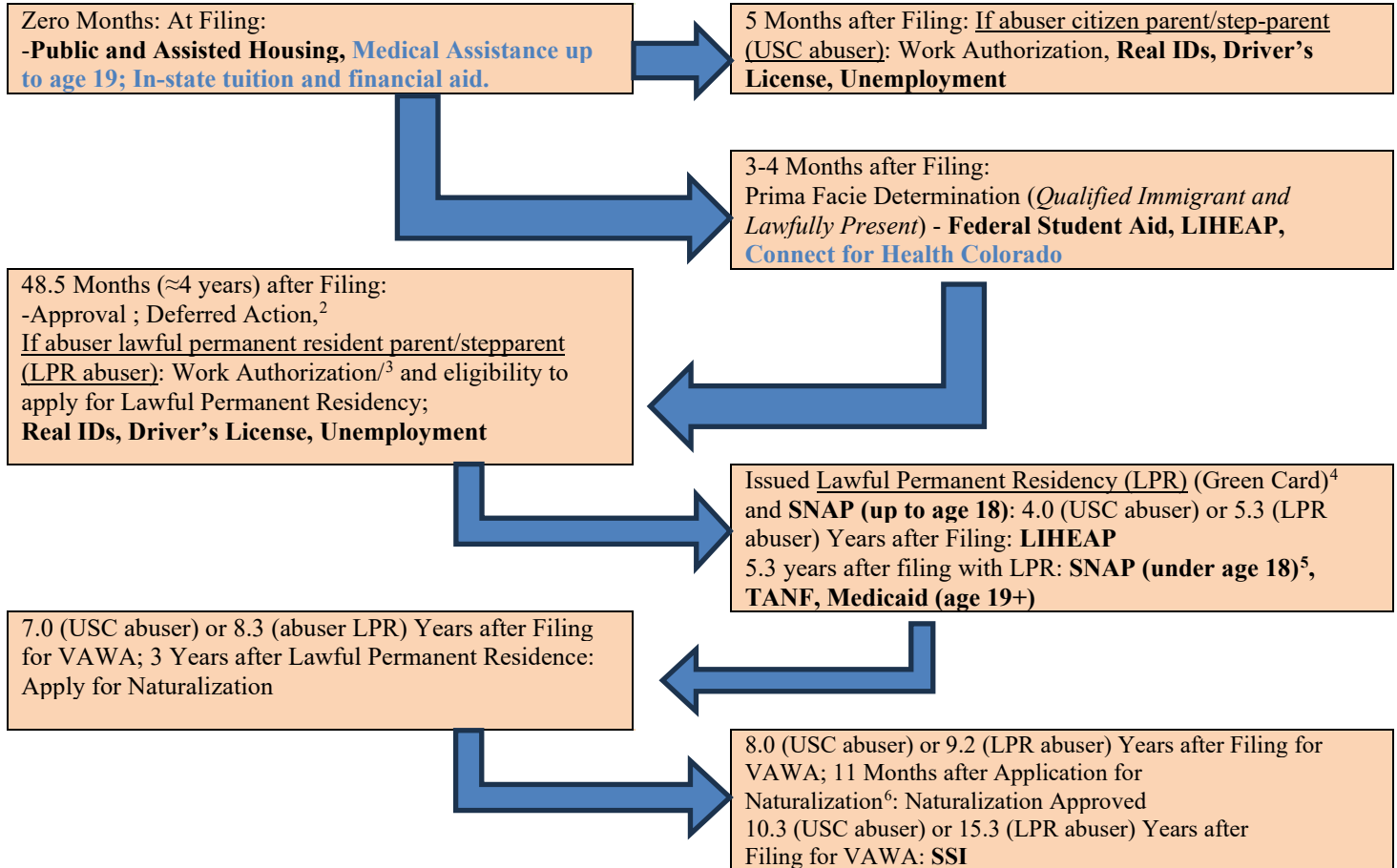
Colorado Benefits Infographic – VAWA

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VAWA Children¹

The following programs are open to all without regard to immigration status:

- **In-state tuition and financial aid at state and private post-secondary colleges and universities**
- **The following health related programs: Cover All Coloradans provides full scope medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months post-partum care to children under age 19 and pregnant persons; OmniSalud for low-cost health insurance; Reproductive health care (including contraception and counseling; and Colorado Hospital Discounted Care includes screening, payment plans, and collections protection.**
- **All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status**



*State funded available prior to meeting federal: 5-year bar, 40 quarters, and lawful permanent residence requirements.

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¹ Child is up to age 21 under immigration law. For public benefits age limit varies by benefits program see state public benefits charts.

² Formal protection from removal/deportation.

³ If spouse/child/stepchild of citizen abuser filed lawful permanent resident application with VAWA self-petition.

⁴ If spouse/child/stepchild of citizen abuser filed lawful permanent resident application with VAWA self-petition. Denver Field Office wait time is 14.5 months.

⁵ Must be under age 18, disabled, met the 5-year bar, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.

⁶ Wait time is 11 months at the Denver Field Office.

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VAWA Adult VAWA Adults

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Zero Months: At Filing:

-Public and Assisted Housing, In-state tuition and financial aid.

5 Months after Filing: If abuser citizen parent/step-parent (USC abuser): Work Authorization, **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment**

3-4 Months after Filing:
Prima Facie Determination (*Qualified Immigrant and Lawfully Present*)

- Federal Student Aid, LIHEAP, Connect for Health Colorado, Old Age Pension Health and Medical Fund

48.5 Months (≈4 years) after Filing:

-Approval; Deferred Action,⁷
-If abuser lawful permanent resident parent/stepparent (LPR abuser): Work Authorization⁸ and eligibility to apply for Lawful Permanent Residency;
Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment

Issued Lawful Permanent Residency (LPR) (Green Card)⁹ 4.0 (USC abuser) or 5.3 (LPR abuser) years after Filing for VAWA: **LIHEAP**
5.3 years after filing: **Medicaid (age 19+)¹⁰, SNAP¹¹, TANF**

7.0 (USC abuser) or 8.3 (abuser LPR) Years after Filing for VAWA; 3 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence: Apply for Naturalization

8.0 (USC abuser) or 9.2 (LPR abuser) Years after Filing for VAWA; 11 Months after Application for Naturalization¹²; Naturalization Approved
10.3 (USC abuser) or 15.3 (LPR abuser) Years after Filing for VAWA: **SSI**

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¹⁰ Eligible for federal Medicaid 5 years after receiving VAWA prima facie determination. Starting October 1, 2026 will also require lawful permanent residency.

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