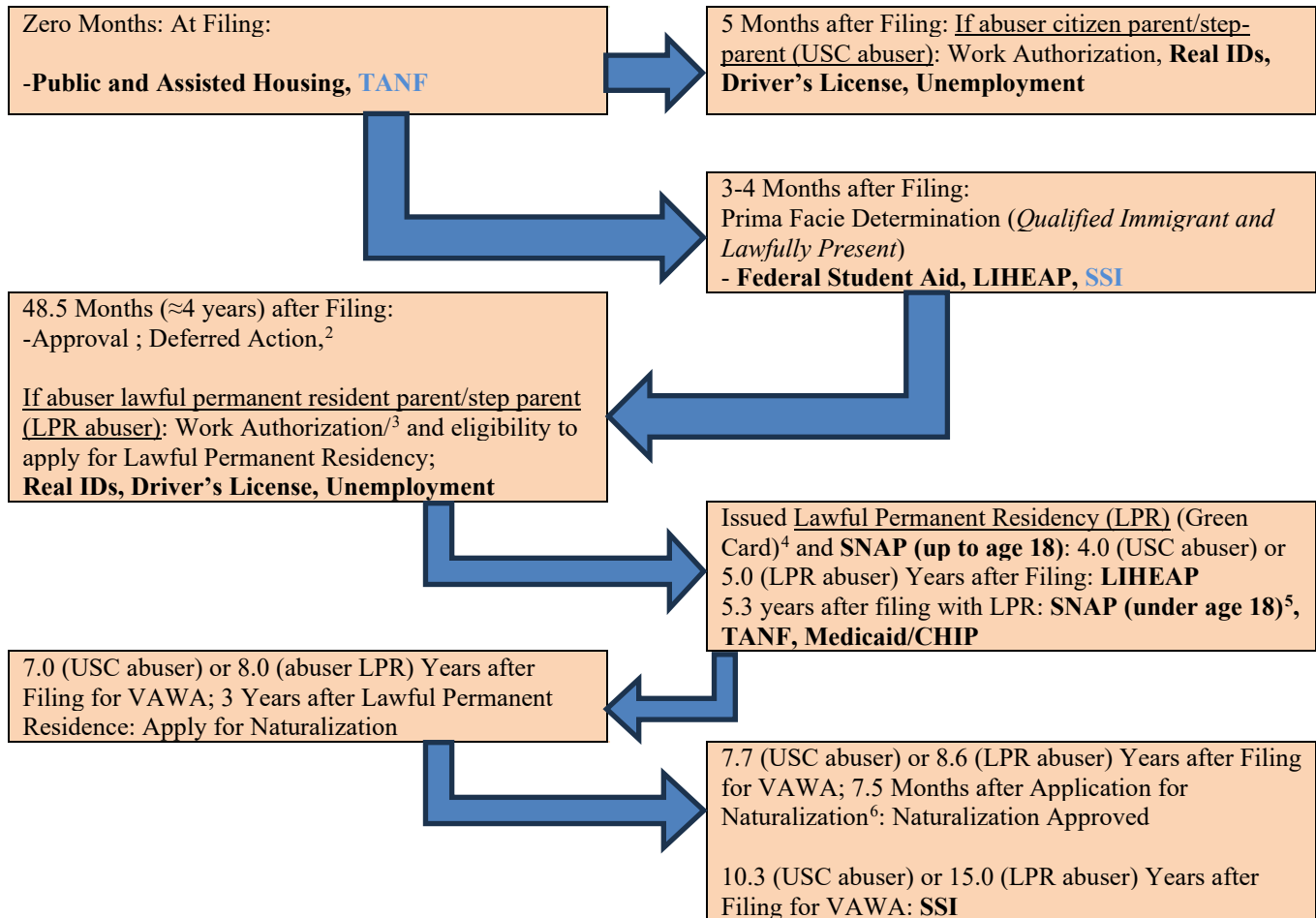


Illinois Benefits Infographic – VAWA

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VAWA Children¹

- All children are eligible for All Kids healthcare coverage regardless of immigration status.
- All pregnant individuals are eligible for prenatal care, full scope health care, 12 months post-partum care and newborn care without regard to immigration status.
- Eligible for in-state tuition, financial aid and scholarships regardless of immigration status if graduated in Illinois or received equivalent degree, after attending 3 years of high school in-state
- All Illinois residents are eligible for state issued driver's licenses and IDs.
- All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status



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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.

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

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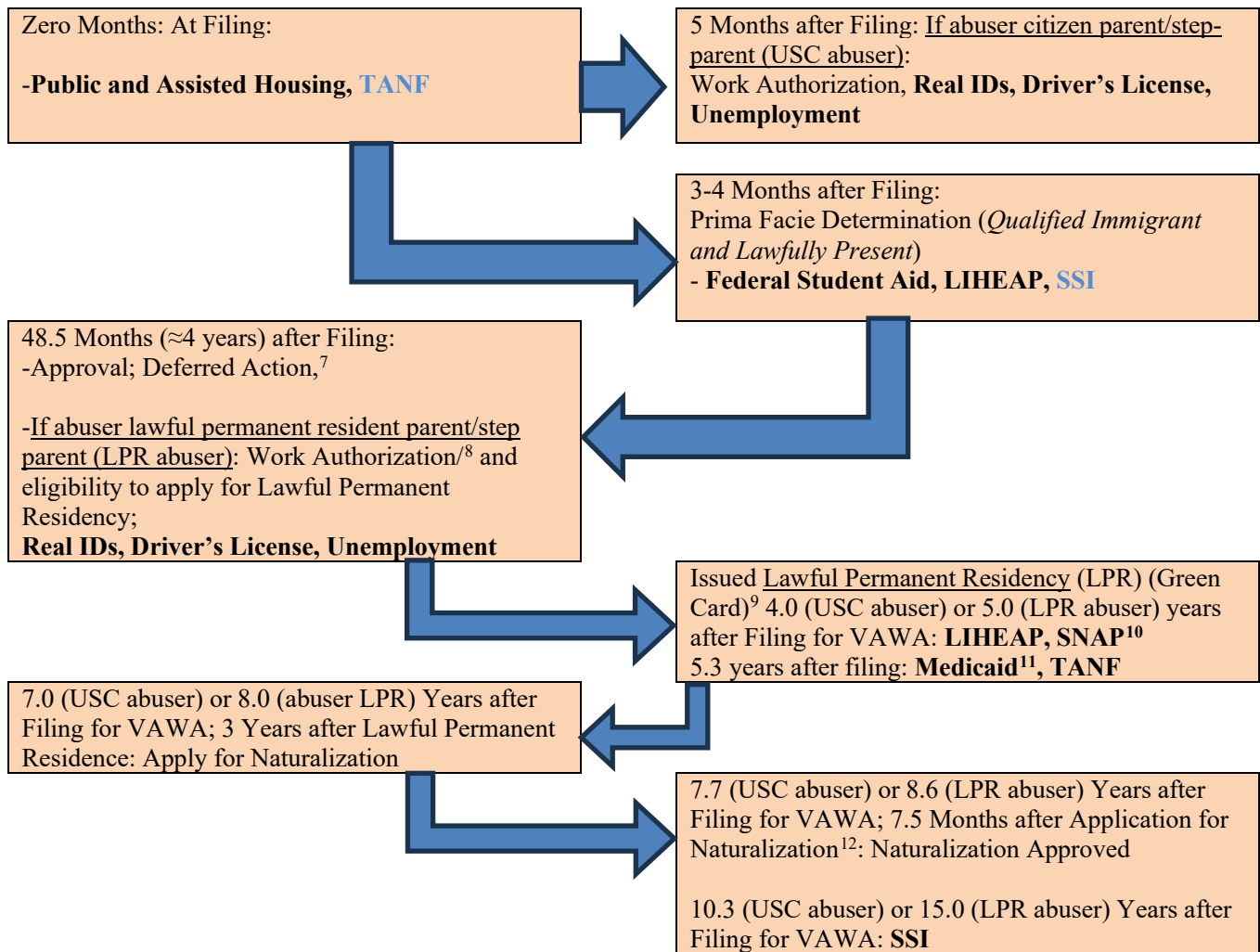
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VAWA Adult VAWA Adults

- All pregnant individuals are eligible for prenatal care, full scope health care, 12 months post-partum care and newborn care without regard to immigration status.
- Low-Income Adults over age 42 eligible for state-funded healthcare regardless of immigration status.
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¹¹ 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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