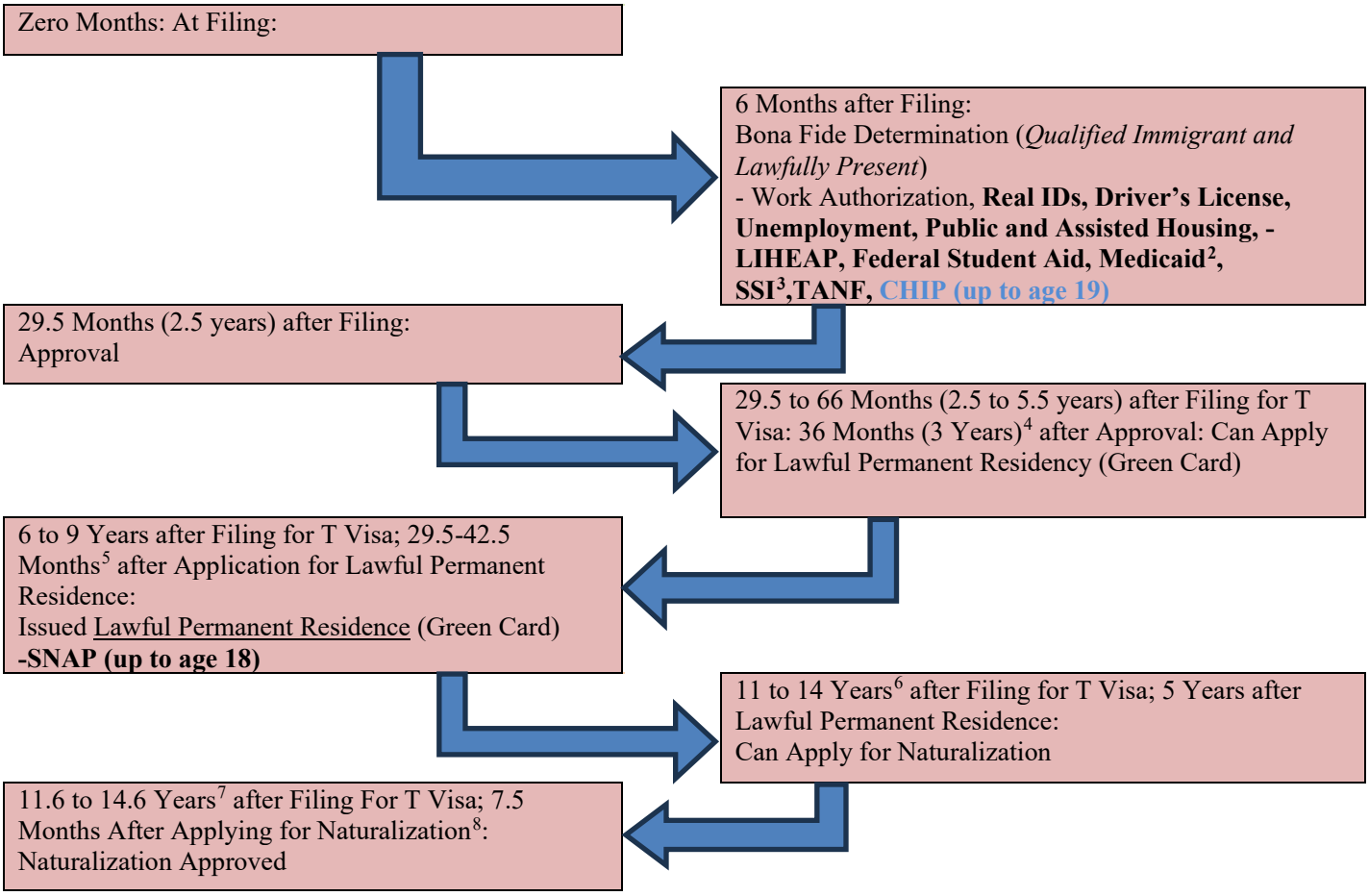
Kentucky Benefits Infographic – T Visa

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T Visa Children[1]

- **Kentucky provides state-funded healthcare for lawfully present children.**
- **Kentucky grants in-state tuition and institutional aid or scholarships to eligible Kentucky residents who graduated from a high school in the state.**
- **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/or 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] Victims with T visa bona fide determinations or T visas eligible with no 5-year bar. After October 1, 2026, will require lawful permanent residence.
[3] Eligible only for the first 7 years after T visa receipt or bona fide determination.
[4] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
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T Visa Adults

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Zero Months: At Filing:

6 Months after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Qualified Immigrant*)

- Work Authorization, **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment, Public and Assisted Housing, - LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, Medicaid[9], SSI[10],TANF,** CHIP (if pregnant)

29.5 Months (2.5 years) after Filing:
Approval

29.5 to 66 Months (2.5 to 5.5 years) after Filing for T Visa: 36 Months (3 Years)[11] after Approval:
Can Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)

6 to 9 Years after Filing for T Visa; 29.5-42.5 Months[12] after Filing for T Visa; 42.5 Months after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)
-SNAP[13], Medicaid (Post 10/1/26)

11 to 14 Years[14] after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.6 to 14.6 Years[15] after Filing For T Visa; 7.5 Months After Applying for Naturalization[16]:
Naturalization Approved

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[13] Must have met 5-year bar, be disabled, elderly if entered the US before 8/22/96, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.

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