Maryland Benefits Infographic – T Visa,

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T Visa Children[1]

- **Eligible for Maryland Student Aid, Grants and Loans if graduated from Maryland secondary school, or received GED in state, and must have 3 years of filing Maryland taxes by the student or their parent/guardian**
- **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.**
- **All Maryland residents who filed MD tax returns for 2 years eligible for state issued driver's licenses and IDs.**
- **All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status**

Zero Months: At Filing:

6 Months after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Qualified Immigrant and Lawfully Present*)- Work Authorization, **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment, Public and Assisted Housing, -LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, SSI,[2]**
TANF*, Medicaid/CHIP* (up to 21)[3]

29.5 Months (2.5 years) after Filing:
Approval

29.5 to 66 Months (2.5 to 5.5 years)[4] after Filing for T Visa: 36 Months (3 Years) after Approval: Can Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)

6.0 to 9.0 Years after Filing for T Visa; 29.5-42.5 Months[5] after Application for Lawful Per to anent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)
-SNAP (up to age 18)

11.0 to 14.0 Years[6] after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.7 to 14.7 Years[7] after Filing For T Visa; 8.5 Months After Applying for Naturalization[8]:
Naturalization Approved

*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] Eligible only for the first 7 years after T visa receipt or bona fide determination.

[3] Residents of Montgomery County (adults/children) or Prince Georges County (children) may be eligible for county-funded healthcare if not federally eligible.

[4] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

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[6] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

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[8] Wait time is 8.5 months at the Baltimore Field Office.

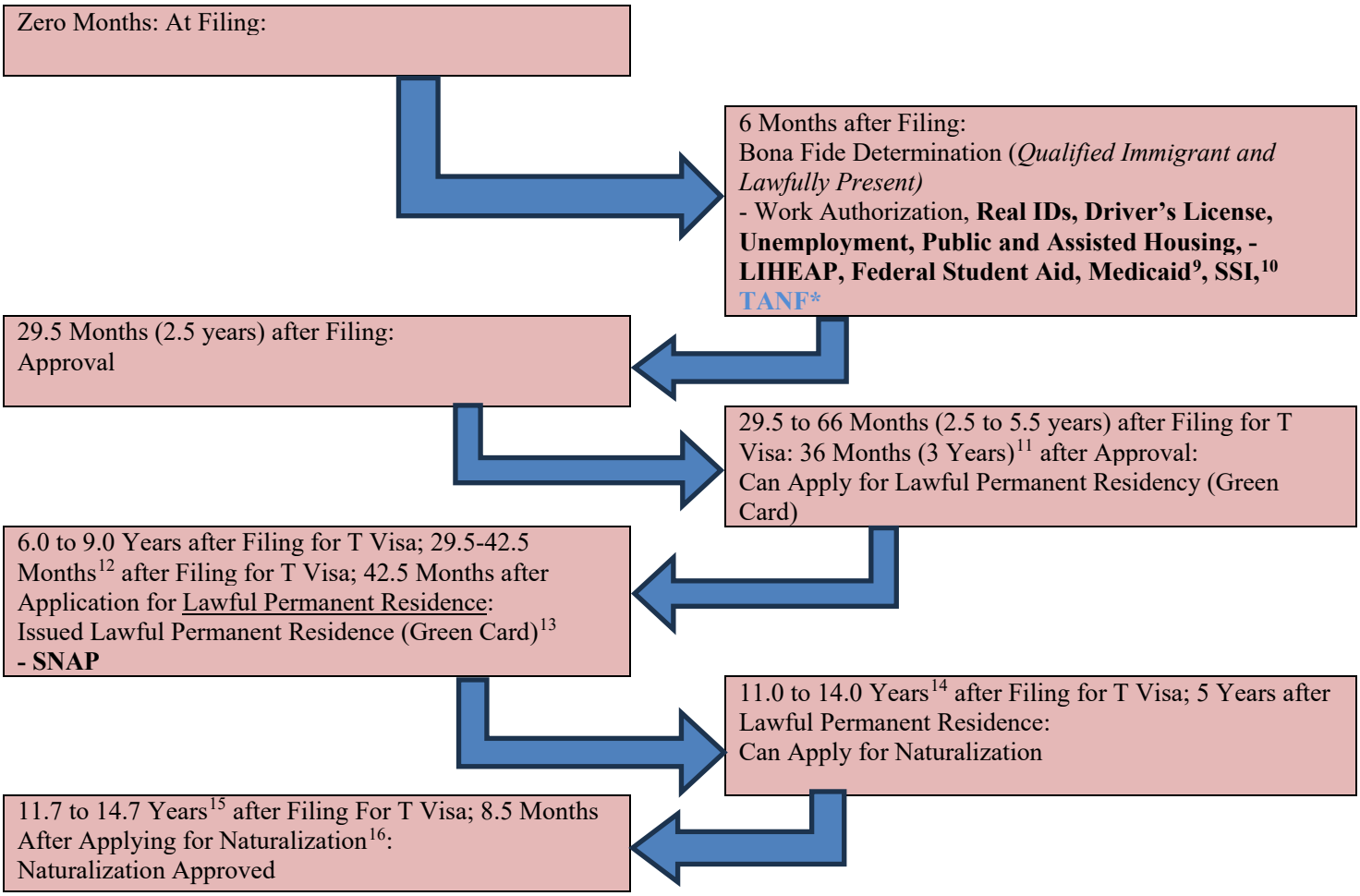
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[9]Victims with T visa bona fide determinations or T visas eligible with no 5-year bar. After October 1, 2026 will require lawful permanent residence. Residents of Montgomery County (adults and children) and Prince George County (children) may be eligible for county-provided healthcare prior to federal eligibility.

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[13] Required for post October 1, 2026 Medicaid eligibility.

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