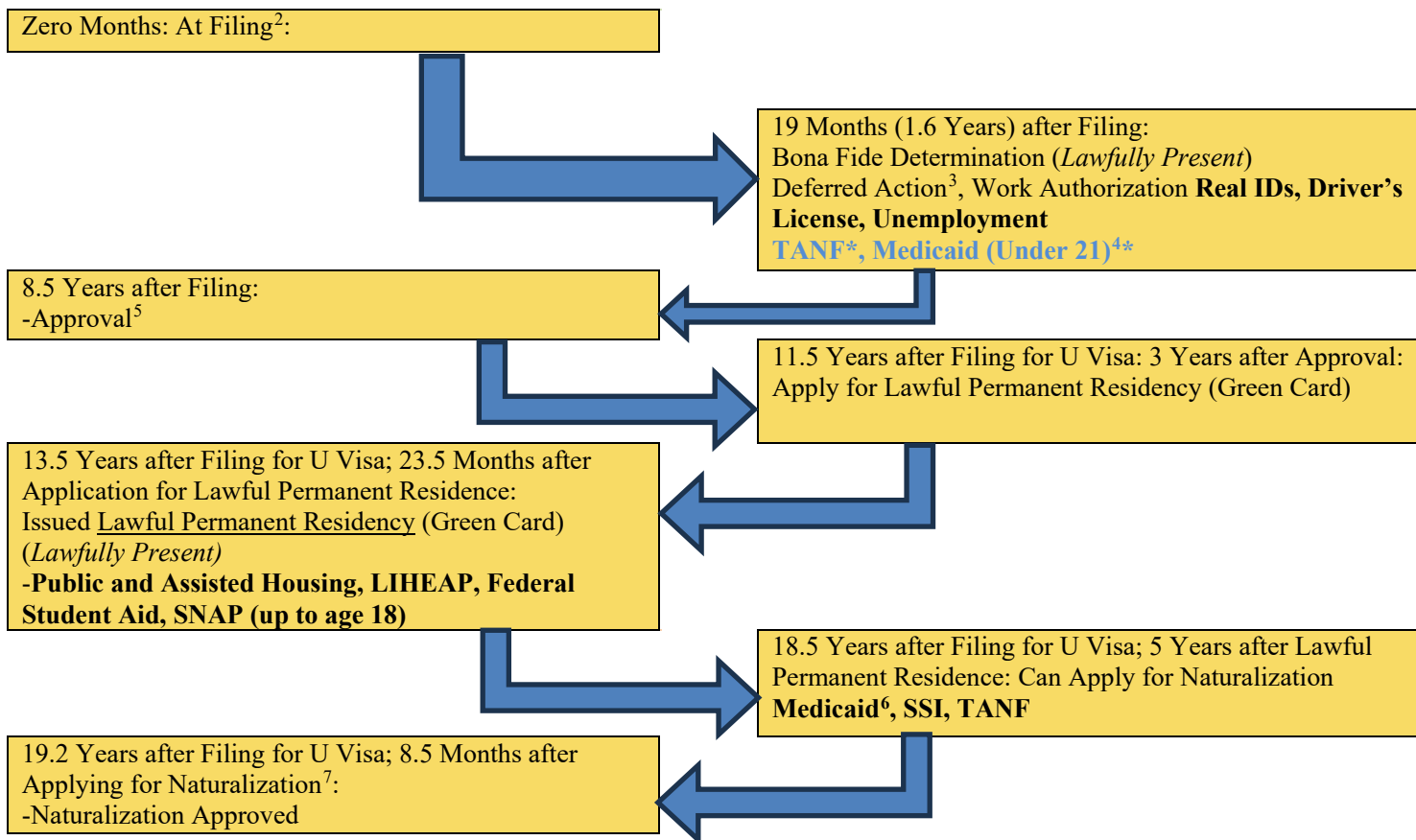


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U Visa Children¹

- 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



*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 Obtaining a certification from a government official is a required prerequisite to filing for a U Visa

³ Formal protection from removal/deportation

⁴ Residents of Montgomery County (adults and children) and Prince George County (children) may be eligible for county-provided healthcare prior to federal eligibility.

⁵ As of October 2025 they began issuing U visa approvals for cases filed in early 2017

⁶ Eligible for federal Medicaid having become a qualified immigrant by attaining lawful permanent residence and having completed the 5-year bar.

⁷ Wait time is 8.5 months at the Baltimore Field Office.

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U Visa Adults

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Zero Months: At Filing⁸:

19 Months (1.6 Years) after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Lawfully Present*)
Deferred Action⁹, Work Authorization **Real IDs**,
Driver's License, Unemployment
- **TANF***

8.5 Years after Filing:
-Approval¹⁰

11.5 Years after Filing for U Visa: 3 Years after
Approval:
Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green
Card)

13.5 Years after Filing for U Visa; 23.5 Months
after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)
(*Qualified Immigrant*)
-**Public and Assisted Housing, LIHEAP, Federal
Student Aid, SNAP**¹¹

18.5 Years after Filing for U Visa; 5 Years after
Lawful Permanent Residence:
Medicaid¹², **SSI**¹³, **TANF**
Can Apply for Naturalization

19.2 Years after Filing for U Visa; 8.5 Months after
Applying for Naturalization¹⁴:
Naturalization Approved

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¹¹ Must be disabled, have met the 5-year bar, be elderly and entered the US before 8/22/96, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.

¹² Eligible for federal Medicaid having become a qualified immigrant by attaining lawful permanent residence and having completed the 5-year bar. Residents of Montgomery County (adults and children) and Prince George County (children) may be eligible for county-provided healthcare prior to federal eligibility

¹³ Become qualified immigrant at lawful permanent residency and must have accrued 40 quarters of work credit since receiving work authorization.

¹⁴ Wait time is 8.5 months at the Baltimore Field Office.