

Wisconsin Benefits Infographic – SIJS Sarah Register, Suzana Coelho and Leslye E. Orloff (May 19, 2026)

SIJS Children¹

- **Wisconsin provides prenatal care, full healthcare and 90 days post-partum care to uninsured low-income pregnant persons.**
- **All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status**

Zero Months: Filing (*Lawfully Present*)
CHIP (up to age 19), Wisconsin Works

6 Months after Filing for SIJS:
Approval
-Work Authorization, Deferred Action
Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment

3.3 Years (40 months) Years After SIJS Approval:
Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency²

4.6 Years after Filing for SIJS: 35 Months after filing
for Lawful Permanent Residence
-Issued Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)
(*Qualified Immigrant*)
-Federal Student Aid, LIHEAP; Public and
Assisted Housing, SNAP (under 18)

9.6 Years after Filing for SIJS: 5 years after Lawful
Permanent Residence:
Medicaid³, TANF, Can apply for Naturalization

10.5 Years after Filing for SIJS: 10 years after
lawful permanent residency: **SNAP (age 18+),⁴ SSI**

10.4 years after Filing for SIJS: 9.5 months after
Application for Naturalization⁵:
Naturalization Approved

*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. SIJS Children must obtain state court judicial determinations before they reach the age of majority and age out of the family or juvenile court's jurisdiction. In Wisconsin this age is 18. For public benefits age limit varies by benefits program see state public benefits charts.

² Time to application may vary depending on when priority date becomes current. The current backlog is approximately 5 years.

³ Eligible for federal Medicaid having attained lawful permanent residence and having completed the 5-year bar.

⁴ Must be under age 18, disabled, met the 5-year bar, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.

⁵ Wait time is 9.5 months at the Milwaukee Field Office.

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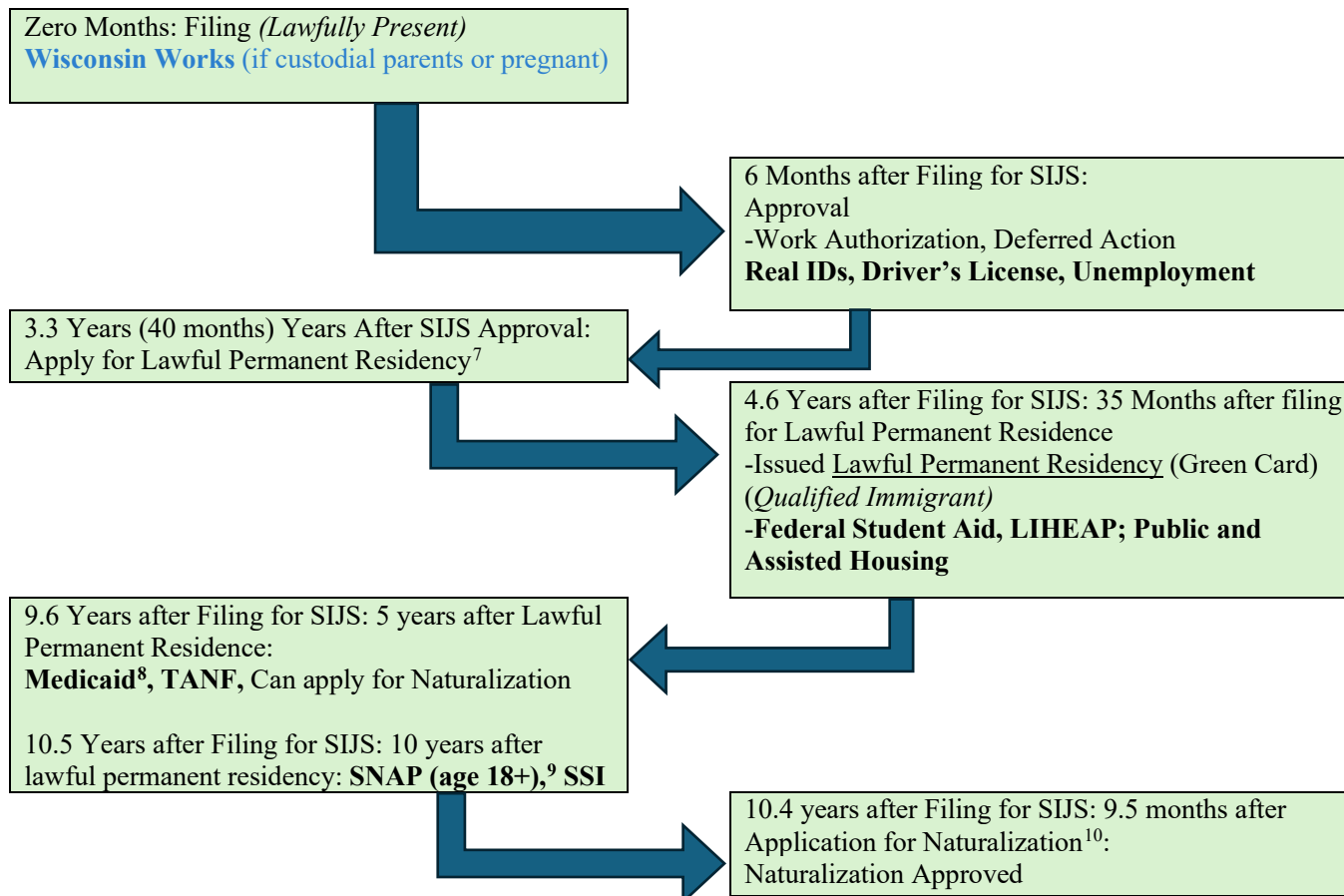
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SIJS Applicants Who Become Adults⁶

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⁶ Children must apply for SIJS before age 21. If filed prior to turning 21, the SIJS application can be granted regardless of the applicants age at adjudication.

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⁸ Eligible for federal Medicaid having attained lawful permanent residence and having completed the 5-year bar.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Wait time is 9.5 months at the Milwaukee Field Office.