

**Examples of Documentation Substantiating Close Relative Status**

Relation to Qualified Patient	Examples of Documentation Substantiating Relationship		
Spouse	Marriage Certificate		
Parent/Step-Parent or Child/Step-Child	Birth Certificate	Adoption Decree	Birth Certificate or Adoption Decree and Marriage Certificate
Sibling/Step-Sibling	Birth Certificate and Qualified Patient Birth Certificate	Adoption Decree and Qualified Patient Birth Certificate or Adoption Decree	Birth Certificate or Adoption Decree and Qualified Patient Birth Certificate or Adoption Decree and Marriage Certificate
Grandparent/Step-Grandparent	Parent of the Qualified Patient Birth Certificate and Qualified Patient Birth Certificate	Adoption Decree for Qualified Patient and Parent of the Qualified Patient Birth Certificate	Qualified Patient and Parent of the Qualified Patient Birth Certificate and Marriage Certificate
Grandchild/Step-Grandchild	Birth Certificate and Parent Birth Certificate	Adoption Decree and Parent Birth Certificate	Parent Birth Certificate or Adoption Decree and Marriage Certificate

**NOTE:** If the names as indicated on the documentation are different than the caregiver applicant or qualified patient’s current names, additional documentation showing the name change may also be submitted. For example, if a caregiver applicant is claiming a full-blood sibling relationship with a qualified patient, and the qualified patient’s name has been changed through marriage, the qualified patient’s marriage certificate may be submitted along with the birth certificates.