

State of Tennessee

Department of Health

Tennessee Board of Social Worker Licensure

665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243

1-800-778-4123 ext 25088 (615) 532-5088 <u>www.state.tn.us/health</u>

Applications and Procedures for

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

No members of any other mental health or medical discipline will qualify as an approved supervisor for L.C.S.W. or L.A.P.S.W. licensure.

Conflict of Interest Supervision - Supervision provided by the applicant's parents, spouse, former spouse, siblings, children, cousins, in-laws (present or former), step-children, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, employees, or anyone sharing the same household shall not be acceptable toward fulfillment of licensure requirements. For the purposes of this rule, a supervisor shall not be considered an employee of the applicant, if the only compensation received by the supervisor consists of payment for actual supervisory hours.

GENERAL INFORMATION

It is the applicant's responsibility to review the current Rules and Laws for Social Work. To determine if you meet the qualifications for licensure. You may obtain a copy by going to www.health.state.tn.us.

Individuals who do not qualify for licensure at this time are encouraged to complete deficient requirements if you intend to practice as a social worker in Tennessee.

It is the applicant's responsibility to keep the board notified whenever a change of name or mailing address occurs. Such notification must be in writing and you must reference your profession and the board in your correspondence. Supporting documentation and written request for a name change must state the reason for the change, i.e., marriage, divorce, etc.

Every effort is made to keep you informed, **in writing**, of the status of your application and to process your application in a timely, efficient manner. Inquiries regarding the status of a file will be responded to in writing.

SECTION I

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION:

CHECK LIST FOR LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK

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You send Completed and signed application Fees of \$ 235.00 (\$100.00 application fee plus \$ 125.00 license fee plus \$ 10.00 State regulatory fee) payable to: the Board of Social Worker Licensure		You request others to send Official transcripts (page 14) Verification of licensure, if licensed in other jurisdiction regardless of the status of the license (i.e., inactive) (page 15) Criminal Background Check For instructions go to: http://health.tn.gov/CBC			
	Passport-style photograph All applicants must complete the attached Declaration of Citizenship form	(once you have successfully passed the ASWB exam you must apply for the criminal background check)			
	Copy of Current LMSW renewal card				
	Professional Reference Verification of Supervision Verification of supervisors six (6)				
	hours of continuing education related to clinical supervision Detailed supervision logs indicating				
	3000 clinical and 100 supervision hours. Completed Mandatory Practitioner				
	Profile Questionnaire (mail with the application)				

Note: At least sixty (60) of the one hundred (100) supervisor contact hours must be one-to-one supervision between the supervisor and supervisee; no more than forty (40) hours may be in a situation where the supervisor is working with no more that four (4) supervisees in a group setting.

SECTION II

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY RECIPROCITY:

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 Completed and signed application Fees of \$ 235.00 (\$100.00 application fee plus \$ 125.00 license fee plus \$ 10.00 State regulatory fee) payable to: the Board of Social Worker Licensure Passport-style photograph All applicants must complete the attached Declaration of Citizenship form A copy of the original State's law and rules, if available Photocopy of the original license from the original state of licensure with applicants current renewal certificate with the license number and expiration date Photocopy of the applicants current renewal certificate with the license number and expiration date Completed Mandatory Practitioner Profile Questionnaire http://health.state.in.us/Downloads/PH-3585.pdf (mail with the application)
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NOTE: IF AN APPLICANT DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY, HE OR SHE MUST APPLY FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION. IF DOCUMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO RULE 1365-01-.01 (A) OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2010 PURSUANT TO RULE 1365-01-.04 (5) IS PROVIDED THE APPLICANT MAY NOT HAVE POSSESSED THE CREDENTIAL OF LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE PRIOR TO APPLICATION TO SIT FOR THE EXAMINATION. ATTACH PASSPORT TYPE PHOTO HERE



 Application fee
 46-001
 \$100

 License fee
 46-001
 \$125

 State Reg fee
 46-017
 \$10

 \$235

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Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Please Check One: LCSW BY RECIPROCITY LCSW BY INITIAL/EXAM

NAME:

HOME ADDRESS:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle/Maiden)

NOTE: This name will be used to register you with the testing agency (ASWB). You will be required to present the original ASWB Authorization Letter and one currently valid, non-expired government-issued photo-bearing i.d. (driver's license, military i.d., passport, etc.) at the testing center. The name on your i.d. MUST match your name as it appears on your Authorization Letter. You will not be allowed to test and will forfeit your exam fee without the Authorization Letter and proper identification.

CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
HOME PHONE: ()	HOME E-MAIL:	
Do you wish to receive notification, including ren	ewal notification, from the Department of Hea	alth via email? YN
SOCIAL SECURITY NO:	as authorized by 42 U.S.C. § $405(c)(2)(C)(i)$. The bility, and for any other purpose allowed by state of form, you are agreeing that Department of Health m	ne number will be used to verify your or federal law. When you provide your
RACE: SEX:		
U.S. CITIZEN: Yes No All applicants <u>must</u> complete the attached Decl	aration of Citizenship form	
EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:		
NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		
DEGREE RECEIVED:	DATE CONFERRED:	/ /

Do you or have you ever held a certificate or license to practice social work in any other state?

YES: _____ NO: _____

If yes, you must submit a letter of good standing from each state in which you have or have ever held a certificate and/or license.

(State)	/ (License No.)	(State)	(License No.)	(State)	(License No.)	_,
1. Hav	SURE INFORMATION we you taken and passes, please have the A	sed the ASWB C				NO:
CURREN						
	PHONE: ()					
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PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: If any answers to the questions in this part are in the affirmative, attach an explanation on a separate sheet. In support of your explanation, the final documents or orders from the issuing states, courts, and/or agencies must be submitted along with this application.

For the purpose of these questions, the following phrases or words have the following meanings:

- 1. "Ability to practice social work" is to be construed to include all of the following:
 - a. The cognitive capacity to make appropriate diagnosis or evaluation, exercise reasonable judgment, to learn, and keep abreast of developments in the field of social work.
 - b. The ability to communicate those judgments and information to clients and other health care providers, with or without the use of aids or devises, such as voice amplifiers.

one's function as a licensee or within the past two (2) years. **QUESTION:** YES NO 1. Do you currently have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice social work with reasonable skill and safety? a. If yes, are they reduced or ameliorated because you receive ongoing treatment (with or without medications) or participate in a monitoring program? b. If you have any limitations or impairments caused by an existing medical condition, are they reduced or ameliorated because of the field of practice, the setting, or the manner in which you have chosen to practice? (If you receive such ongoing treatment or participate in such a monitoring program, the Board will make an individual assessment of the nature, the severity, and the duration of the risks associated with an ongoing medical condition so as to be determined whether an unrestricted license should be issued, whether conditions should be imposed, or whether you are not eligible for licensure). 2. Do you currently use chemical substance? a. If yes, please submit a letter from your physician regarding your prescribed medication. (Must be submitted on physician letter head, and must contain information on whether this medication will impair or limit your ability to practice social work with reasonable skill and safety). 3. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substance? If yes, are you currently participating in a supervised rehabilitation program a. or professional assistance program which monitors you in order to assure that you are not engaged in the Illegal use of controlled substance? (Submit a letter from your Physician regarding your Treatment). 4. Have you ever been diagnosed as have or have you ever been treated for pedophilia, exhibitionism, or voyeurism? 5. If you have ever held or applied for a license to practice social work in any state, country, or province, was or has it ever been denied, reprimanded, suspended, restricted, revoked, otherwise disciplined, curtailed, or voluntarily surrendered under threat of investigation or disciplinary action?

 "Chemical Substance" is to be construed to include alcohol, drugs, or medications, including those taken pursuant to a valid prescription for legitimate medical purposes and in accordance with the prescriber's direction as well as those used illegally.

3. "Currently" does not mean on the day of or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of this application. Rather it means recently enough so that the use of drugs or alcohol may have an ongoing impact on

QUESTION	I:	YES	NO
6.	If you have ever had staff privileges at any hospital or health care facility, have they ever been revoked, suspended, curtailed, restricted, limited, otherwise disciplined, or voluntarily surrendered under threat of restriction or disciplinary action?		
7.	Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?		
8.	Have you ever been rejected or censured by a professional association?		
9.	In relation to the performance of your professional services in any profession:		
	a. Have you ever had a final judgment rendered against you?		
	b. Have you ever had a settlement of any legal action rendered against you?		
	c. Are there any legal actions pending against you or to which you are a party?		
10.	If you have ever held a license or certificate in any health care profession, has it ever been reprimanded, suspended, restricted, revoked, otherwise disciplined, curtailed, or voluntarily surrendered under threat if investigation or disciplinary		

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT APPLICANT'S CONSENT AND RELEASE

In applying for licensure in the State of Tennessee, I HEREBY:

action?

AUTHORIZE THE BOARD, its staff, and their representatives to consult with my prior and current associates and others who may have information bearing on my professional competency, character, health status, ethical qualifications, ability to work cooperatively with others, and other qualifications.

CONSENT TO THE RELEASE of such information.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY the Board, its staff, and all their representatives for their acts performed and statements made in good faith and without malice in connection with evaluation of my application, my credentials, and my qualification.

ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I, as an applicant for licensure, have the burden of producing adequate information for a proper evaluation of my professional, ethical, and other qualifications, and also for resolving any doubt about such qualifications.

THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY ME IN MY APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

REFERENCE FORM LETTER

Applicant's Name

Social Security Number

You must put your social security number on this form for the application to be complete. State and federal law require social security numbers on this application. Tenn. Code. Ann. § 36-5-1301(a), as authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 405(c)(2)(C)(i). The number will be used to verify your identity, to ask questions about your financial responsibility, and for any other purpose allowed by state or federal law. When you provide your social security number on this application and sign the form, you are agreeing that Department of Health may use your social security number in furtherance of federal and state law, for example, to collect delinquent fees.

I hereby certify that _____

has had the equivalency of two (2) years full-time clinical supervision experience under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker (3000 clinical hours in not less than a two-year period with a minimum equivalency of one hour per week supervision).

Supervision information regarding the applicant follows:

Place of Supervision	Dates of Supervision	Name and Degree of Supervisor	
		(Signature)*	
		(Title)	

* This letter must be signed by an LCSW who did not provide the applicant's supervision. If the signator is not licensed in Tennessee, enclose documentation of the other state license.

Please return this form to address listed above.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE ASSESSMENT (Verification of Supervision)

		License Number (LMSW)				
THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY	APPLICANT:	Effective Date	/ /			
		Expiration Date	/ /			
Applicant's Name You must put your social security number on this form fo application. Tenn. Code. Ann. § 36-5-1301(a), as authorized about your financial responsibility, and for any other pur application and sign the form, you are agreeing that Depart example, to collect delinquent fees.	by 42 U.S.C. § 405(c)(2)(C pose allowed by state or f)(i). The number will be used to ve ederal law. When you provide yo	ire social security numbers on this crify your identity, to ask questions our social security number on this			
I have applied to the Tennessee Board of S Your assessment of my characteristics will e						
(Signature)		(Date)				
REMAINDER OF THIS FORM TO BE FI						
1. Supervisor's Name:						
Profession:	Education	al Degree(s):				
Business address (street/city/state/zip):						
Position Title:	Telephone	: ()				
2. Supervisor's License No.:	Lie	censing State:				
Date Licensed:		-				
Clinical experience: Yes No		f years:				
3. Recordkeeping: Dates of Supervisio	on: from /	/ to /	/			
Total number of months of supervision Total weekly clinical contact hours Total weekly supervisor-supervisee hours Total weekly group supervisee-supervisor h	ours					
 Total clinical hours during supervision Total supervisor-supervisee hours during supervisor hours during supervisee-supervisor hours during (Add #2 and #3) 	uring supervision pe	eriod				

4. Nature of setting in which supervised practice took place:

5. Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics. Place a check mark in every category!

		Above		Below	Can Not
Characteristics	Outstanding	Average	Average	Average	Evaluate
Individual counseling skills					
Appropriate referral making					
Group counseling skills					
Personal integrity					
Consulting skills					
Insight into client's problems					
Ability to relate to co-workers					
Ability to be objective on the job					
Ethical conduct					
Concern for welfare of clients					
Sense of responsibility					
Recognition of own limits					
Supervisory abilities					
Ability to keep material confidential					

6. Explain any rating of below average, poor, or can not evaluate (use additional paper if necessary).

I certify that the information contained herein is an accurate account of my supervision of:

(Applicant Signature)

(Supervisor's Signature)

(Date)

(Print Name of supervisor)

Return completed form to:

Board of Social Worker Licensure 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243

This Form May Be Duplicated.

Supervision Log

Subject of Supervision Sessions: Theory / Technique / Termination / Diagnosis and Assessment / Self Analysis / Laws and Regulations / Individual Counseling Skills / Group Counseling Skills / Confidentiality / Ethics / Boundaries

	Group Supervision		_//	Date	to:/	/
Time In: Content:				Ind	Group	Clinical
				hour	hour	hour
Subject of Supervision Sessions and Regulations / Individual Co	unseling Skills / Group Cou	unseling Skills / C Date from:	onfidentiali	ity / Ethics	/ Boundarie	es
Time In:						
Content:				Ind hour	Group hour	Clinical hour
Time In:	Group Supervision Time Out:			Date Ind hour	to:/_ Group hour	/ Clinical Hour
		Total	this page			
		Cumula	tive total			
(Supervisor Signature)	(Date) (Print 1	Name)		(LCSW/ or I	LAPSW #)
(Supervisee Signature)	(Date) (Print]	Name)		(.	LMSW#)	
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STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF HEALTH LICENSURE AND REGULATION DIVISION OF HEALTH RELATED BOARDS 665 MAINSTREAM DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37243

TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE

EDUCATION REQUEST

APPLICANT: Supply the information requested and mail this entire form to the school at which you completed your Social Work program.

NOTE: Most schools require a fee, so you may want to contact the institution before mailing this form so that you can attach their fee.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: I am applying for a license to practice as a social worker in the State of Tennessee. The Board of Social Worker Licensure requires verification of my educational attainment. Please forward an original transcript bearing the institution's official seal to the Board's address below.

Applicant's Full Name			
**	(Last)	(First)	(Middle/Maiden)
Applicant's Address:			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
Applicant's Social Sec	urity Number:		
Applicant's Student Ide	entification Numb	ber:	
Year of Graduation: Degr		Degree:	Conferred Date:
Please forward an off	ïcial graduate tra	anscript bearing the institution's offi	cial seal to:
		Tennessee Board of Social Worker 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243	Licensure
Thank you for your co	operation and pro	mpt response.	

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)



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VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE

Please complete the top portion and mail this form to the regulatory board in each state where you hold or have held a license or certificate to practice as a Social Worker. (If additional forms are required, this form may be duplicated.) Please disregard this page if you are not licensed or certified or have never been licensed or certified as a social worker in another state.

NOTE: Some states require a fee for providing verification information. In order to expedite your application, you may wish to contact the applicable state or states.

I was granted

(License #)

_____ by the State of ______ (Date)

The Tennessee Board of Social Worker Licensure requests that I submit evidence that my license or certificate in your state is in good standing. You are hereby authorized to release any information in your files, favorable or otherwise, directly to the Tennessee Board of Social Worker Licensure. Your early attention is appreciated.

(Signature)	
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on

(Date)

THIS PORTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY STATE LICENSING BOARD VERIFYING LICENSURE

Name of Licensee	Licensure Level		License No.	Date Issued	
Please Verify All Requirements Met in Your Jurisd	liction				
Education:	Experience clinical:		Experience nor	n-clinical:	
BSW from CSWE Accredited School	# Months Post LMSW	Clinical Experience	# Month	ns Post LMSW Non-	clinical Experience
	# Hours of face to face	supervision	# Hours	of face to face supe	ervision
MSW from CSWE Accredited School	# Hours clinical experi-	ence	# Hours	non-clinical experie	nce
Exam Taken	Date Exam Passed	Level Exam Taken	If no Exam sec	ore is on file, how wa	s licensure obtained?
ASWB (Only ASWB will be accepted)			Grand	fathered	Endorsement:
Other			If endorsement	t, what state?	
License Current? Expin	ration Date	Complaints and/or E	Disciplinary Actio	on	
YesNo	//	Yes*No			
*Explain Complaints or Disciplinary Actions (plea	ase enclose a copy of any board o	order)			
		/	/		
(Signature of person completing form)	(Title)	(Dat	te)		
(Print name of person completing form) (Phone number)				Board S	eal Here



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EXAM SCORE REQUEST

If you have taken the ASWB exam please complete this form and mail it along with a cashiers check or money order (NO personal checks accepted) in the amount of \$40.00 to the ASWB at the following address requesting an original copy of your test results:

Association of Social Work Boards 400 South Ridge Parkway, Suite B Culpeper, VA 22701 www.aswb.org

You may also request the information from: https://www.aswb.org/exam-candidates/after-the-exam/

Name:				
	(First)	(Last)	(Mide	dle/Maiden)
Address:				
	(City)	(State/Province)	(Zip)	(Country)
Daytime F	<u> </u>			
Date of Bi	irth:/	/ Date of Exam:	/ /	
Exam Tak	en: Basic	Intermediate Advanced	Clinical	

I am applying for a license to practice as a social worker in the State of Tennessee. The Board of Social Worker Licensure requires verification of my examination results. Please forward the results of the exam to the Board's address below.

Tennessee Board of Social Worker Licensure 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)



DECLARATI ON OF CI TI ZENSHI P MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLI CATI ONS FOR I NI TI AL LI CENSURE OR REI NSTATEMENT OF LI CENSURE

The "SAVE Act" requires Tennessee Department of Health (including all Boards, Commissions, and contractors), along with every local health department in the State, to verify that *every <u>adult</u>* applicant for a professional license is either a U.S. citizen, a "qualified alien," or a nonimmigrant who meets the requirements set out at 8 U.S.C. 1621.

I am a(n) _____ Healthcare Profession (Please Print)

License number if applicable

Please Print Legibly							
1.		Last	First	Middle	Maiden_		
2.	Mail	ing Address:					
3.	Pho	ne Number: Home:	() C	Office: ()	Fax: ()		
4.	I am a United States Citizen:YesNo						
5.	I am a foreign national not physically present in the United States <u>Yes</u> No. If you answered yes, to this question please sign this form in the presence of a notary and return it with your application. No further documentation is required.						
6.	Applicants Claiming United States Citizenship MUST provide one of the following:						
	 Applicants Claiming United States Citizenship MUST provide one of the following: a) Tennessee Driver's License, or photo ID issued by Department of Safety. b) A valid driver license or ID issued by another state, provided its issuance requirements meet Department of Safety criteria. c) An official birth certificate issued by a U.S. state, territory, or other jurisdiction. Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010 do not count. d) A federally issued birth certificate. e) A valid, unexpired U.S. passport. f) A report of birth abroad of a U.S. citizen. g) A certificate of citizenship. h) A certificate of naturalization. i) A U.S. citizen ID card. j) Any successor document to #'s a-i above. k) SSN that the entity or local health department may verify with the Social Security Administration in accordance with federal law. 						
7.	lf yo	If you checked "No" in question 4 please indicate from the list below which category applies to you: (circle one)					
	a) b)	•	oplicant for a profession o such employment, or a		whose visa for entry into the United e Immigration and Nationality Act (8		

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C)	Asviees who meet	the qualifications set	
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- d) Refugees who meet the qualifications set out in 8 U.S.C. 1157
- e) Persons who have been "paroled into the United States," under 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5) or whose deportation has been withheld under 8 U.S.C. 1253.
- f) Cuban or Haitian entrants as defined by section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980
- g) Persons granted conditional entry into the U.S. under 8 U.S.C. 1153(a)(7) before April 1, 1980, because of persecution or fear of persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion or because of being uprooted by catastrophic national calamity.
- h) An alien who has been "battered" or subjected to "extreme cruelty" by a parent or spouse as defined by 8 U.S.C. 1641(c), and also meets the qualifications set out 8 U.S.C. 1641(c)(1)(B). Under the circumstances set out in 8 U.S.C. 1641(c)(2) and (3), victims' children, or the parents of children who are victims, may also apply for benefits as qualified aliens.

Applicants claiming **qualified alien status** (question 7 above), please submit two of the following forms of "documentation of identity and immigration status" as determined by U.S. Homeland Security to be acceptable for verification through the SAVE program. Common types of documents used to verify immigration status are listed below. (Note: If you can provide only one document, your status will be verified through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's SAVE program):

I-327 (Reentry Permit)

I-551 (Permanent Resident Card or "Green Card")

- I-571 (Refugee Travel Document)
- I-766 (Employment Authorization Card)

Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with Temporary I-551 language)

Temporary I-551 stamp (on passport or I-94)

I-94 (Arrival/Departure record)

Unexpired foreign passport

WT/WB Admission Stamp in unexpired foreign passport

I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant F(1) student status- "student visa")

DS2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status)

I affirm under the penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature

Sworn to before me this ______ day of ______, 20___.

NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIX SEAL HERE

My Commission Expires:_

If an applicant is discovered to be an unqualified alien, or otherwise ineligible for benefits under the Act, all recurring benefits provided to that applicant must be immediately terminated. Anyone who purposefully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim of U.S. citizenship or qualified alien status will be liable under the Tennessee Medicaid False Claims Act, or Tennessee's False Claims Act. Any person who conspires to defraud the state or any local health department by securing a false claim allowed or paid to another person in violation of the Act may be liable under Tennessee's False Claims Act. Upon discovery of an applicant's false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim of U.S. citizenship, state governmental entities and local health departments must also file a criminal complaint with the United States Attorney.