

I, Ariela ....., being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I currently reside with my husband, Mark ....., and our son Anthony ....., at ... E. 10th St., Apt. ..., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230, telephone 718/...-.....

2. I am making this affidavit in support of the application to adjust my status to permanent resident, based on my marriage to Mark, that I am filing with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), New York District Office. More specifically, I am making this affidavit to explain my affirmative answer to Question 2 in Part 3 of USCIS Form I-485. I did receive public assistance on two occasions, under the following circumstances.

3. After the tragedy of September 11, 2001, I did not feel well and I needed to see a doctor, but I did not have enough money to pay medical bills. Accordingly, in October of 2001, I applied for and was accepted into the “Disaster Relief” Medicaid program. This program provided temporary medical coverage for 5 months: it was good until February 28, 2002. I am stating that termination date from memory, as I cannot locate a copy of my Disaster Relief Medicaid records: I think I must have thrown them out, in the belief that they could no longer be useful. I will try to obtain, through my local Medicaid office, a copy of all my Medicaid records, to bring to my adjustment interview.

4. In July of 2002 I became pregnant. I went to Victory Memorial Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y., and applied for and was accepted by Medicaid. I was eligible for Medicaid because I could not work and my husband (my boyfriend at that time) wasn’t making enough money to pay medical bills. Medicaid paid for monthly exams by gynecologist Dr. ....., whose office is at .... Hylan Boulevard, in Staten Island, N.Y. 10306, telephone 718/...-..... In addition, throughout my pregnancy, Medicaid helped pay for my special nutritional needs, pursuant to its Women Infants and

Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program. When, on May ... , 2003, I gave birth to my son Anthony at the Staten Island University Hospital, Medicaid paid the cost of the hospital stay and attendant examination. After I gave birth, my Medicaid was terminated, effective June 30, 2003. Attached to this affidavit as Exhibit 1 and made a part hereof is a copy of the Medicaid letter terminating my coverage. Now my husband's job provides us with medical coverage and we no longer need Medicaid to help us pay for medical treatment.

5. Aside from the above Medicaid assistance, I have received no public assistance in the U.S. from any source and I am not likely to receive public assistance in the future.

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Ariela .....

Sworn to before me this  
day of June, 2005

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Notary Public