



## IL Medicaid Benefits: Immigrant Eligibility

**Eligible:** Illinois immigrant residents who have no legal resident status (undocumented) are eligible for the following Medicaid programs in Illinois depending on age and income level:

- Birth through age 18: All Kids (Medicaid) if household income is at or less than 318% of the federal poverty level
- Pregnant adults at or below 210% of the federal poverty level are eligible for Moms & Babies, including for 60 days after the pregnancy ends
- 65 and over, at or under 100% of the federal poverty level (more below)

**Ineligible:** Illinois immigrant residents who are have no legal resident status (undocumented) are ineligible for Medicaid programs, including Medicaid HCBS waiver programs if:

- Adults age 19 -64 and not pregnant
- Students ages 19-21 still enrolled in school with IEPs (these student can find health care in a school-based health center, federally qualified health center or community health center ([www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov](http://www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov)) or can private pay for private insurance (not eligible for Marketplace plans)

### **New –Coverage for Immigrant Seniors:**

**Eligible:** If 55 and older and

- Legal permanent resident (LPR) for less than 5 years (also known as having a green card); or
- An undocumented immigrant (including individuals in a Temporary Protected Status)
- With 2021 annual income at or below \$13,171 or for a couple \$17,724
- With assets below \$2000 or for a couple \$3000 (currently waived due to COVID-19)

Excluded are assets such as a home or car and medical bills can be used to reduce countable income or assets to make one eligible

**Covered Benefits:** The new medical program will offer a full benefit package with \$0 premiums and \$0 co-payments. Covered services include doctor and hospital care, lab tests, rehabilitative services such as physical and occupational therapy, home health, mental health and substance use disorder services, dental and vision services, and prescription drugs.

Long Term Care Services will not be covered. This includes nursing facility services and home or community based services as an alternative to facility services. The program may cover prior health care up to 3 months before you apply.

**Public Charge:** If you have questions about how enrollment in this program would affect current or future requests to change your immigration status, please email **Protecting Immigrant Families** at [pifillinois@povertylaw.org](mailto:pifillinois@povertylaw.org), or call the **Immigrant Family Resource Program** at 1-855-437-7669. They will help you find an organization to answer your questions.

Applications for these new benefits can be completed through any of the following methods.

- ✓ Apply online - at [www.ABE.illinois.gov](http://www.ABE.illinois.gov).
- ✓ Apply by phone - call the ABE Customer Call Center at 1-800-843-6154.
- ✓ Contact an [Application Assistor](#) for help in applying
- ✓ Contact a [Community Service Agency](#) for help in applying in 59 languages.
- ✓ Apply by mail – use the on-line [Paper Application](#) or ask the ABE Customer Call Center (1-800-843-6154) to request a paper application.

### For More Information

Contact the [Office of Welcoming Centers for Refugee and Immigrant Services](#), DHS Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services, phone (312) 793-7120, or email [DHS.BRIS@illinois.gov](mailto:DHS.BRIS@illinois.gov)

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Medicare: Undocumented individuals are not eligible.