



Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults and Seniors

Eligible: Non-qualified, non-citizen immigrant Illinois residents are eligible for the following Medicaid programs 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 1 year postpartum
- Adults age 42 – 64 as of July 1, 2022 at 138% of the federal poverty level,
- 65 and over, at or under 100% of the federal poverty level

Ineligible: Undocumented Illinois residents are ineligible for Medicaid programs, including Medicaid HCBS waiver programs if:

- Adults age 19 -41 and not pregnant
- Students ages 19-21 still enrolled in school with IEPs (these students can find health care in a school-based health center, federally qualified health center or community health center (www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov) or can private pay for private insurance (not eligible for Marketplace plans)

Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA): Note: As of 7/1/23 enrollment is temporarily paused

<https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/HealthBenefitsForImmigrants/Pages/default.aspx>

You may be eligible for this program if you meet all 4 requirements:

You are at least 42 years old and not over age 64, and Illinois resident and you are one of these:

- a. A legal permanent resident (LPR) for less than five years (also known as having a green card), or

- b. An undocumented immigrant (including individuals in a Temporary Protected Status)
- c. Your 2022 annual household income is at or below \$18,754 for one person; at or below \$25,268 combined income for a household size of two. The income limit differs depending on the number of household members.

Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS): enrollment will be capped at 16,500, some co-pays and cost-sharing may apply:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/HealthBenefitsForImmigrants/Pages/CoverageForImmigrantSeniors.aspx>

You may be eligible if: You are 65 years old or older, an Illinois resident, and one of the following:

- A legal permanent resident (LPR) for less than five years (also known as having a green card), or
- An undocumented immigrant (including individuals in a Temporary Protected Status)
- You are an individual with 2022 annual income at or below \$13,590 or a couple with annual income at or below \$18,310*
- You are an individual with assets below \$2,000, or, a couple with assets under \$3,000 (CURRENTLY WAIVED FOR COVID-19 Public Health Emergency)

Note: You can use your medical bills to reduce your countable income or assets. This may make you eligible and assets are not counted until after the COVID-19 public health emergency is lifted. Your home and one car is not counted as an asset.

Covered Benefits through HBIA and HBIS:

Both Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA) and Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS) 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 programs -HBIA and HBIS - 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, 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.
- ✓ 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

Medicare: Non-qualified non-citizens are not eligible for Medicare, a federal health care program for individuals age 65 and older and certain adults with disabilities.