

# Illinois Health Insurance for Immigrant Children and Families

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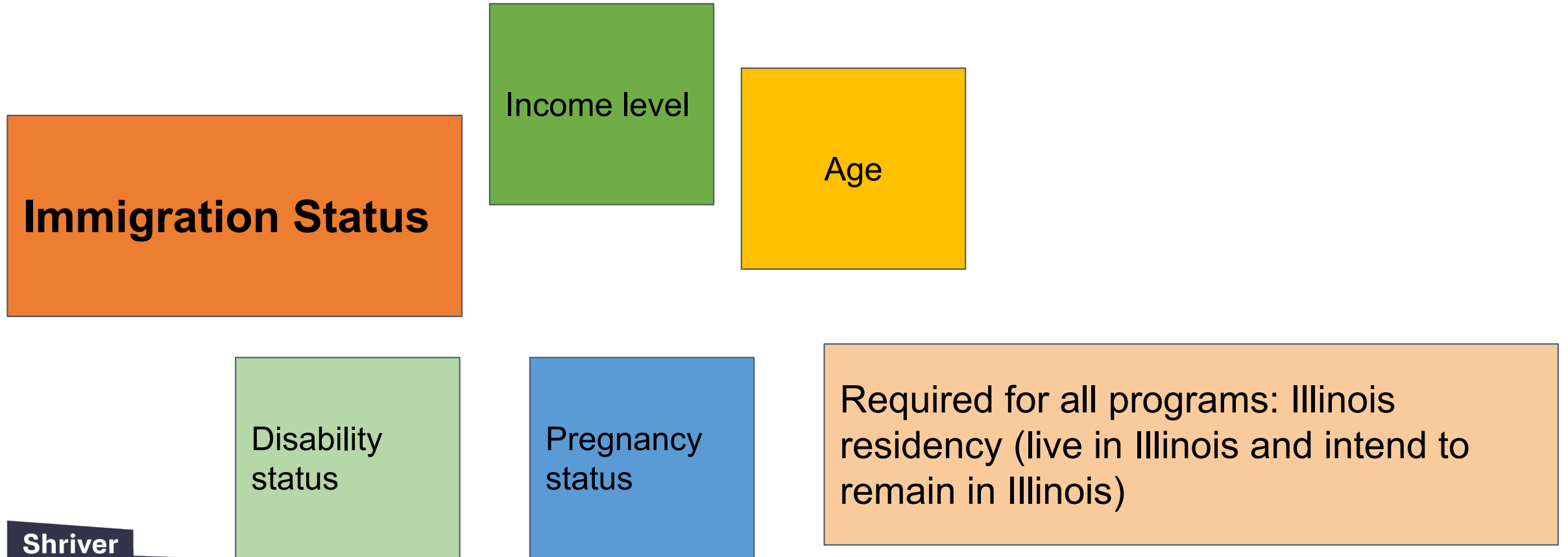
- Thank you for joining for the next half hour
- Slides have a ton of content (won't be able to cover it all) and hyperlinks (check them out later)
- If you would like a longer presentation on any of today's topics, (in English or Spanish) please email me:  
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# Agenda

1. Immigrant Children and Families' Eligibility for Health Coverage Programs in Illinois
2. Resources
3. Questions and Discussion (if time)

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# General Eligibility Criteria for Health Coverage Programs:



## Overview of Main Health Coverage Programs in Illinois

**Federal ACA Adult Medicaid program** (for age 19-64), **AABD Federal Medicaid program** (for age 65 and older or adults living with a disability); generally, must be a U.S. Citizen or have Qualified Immigrant status or designated as eligible for federal public benefits to the same extent as refugees

**Moms & Babies program** for pregnant people and for 1 year after pregnancy ended, available regardless of immigration status

**All Kids Program** for all children up to age 19, available regardless of immigration status

**Health Benefit for Immigrant Adults (HBIA):** Medicaid-Like program for ages 42-64, non-pregnant immigrants ineligible for Federal Medicaid due to their immigration status

**Health Benefit for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS):** Medicaid-Like program for ages 65 and older immigrants ineligible for Federal Medicaid due to their immigration status

**Victims of Trafficking, Torture, & Other Serious Crimes (VTTC)** Medicaid-Like program created for individuals preparing to file or have filed an application for U Visa/ T Visa/ or asylum

**HFS Family Planning Program (FPP)/Family Planning Presumptive Eligibility (FPPE):** Limited-Benefit Federal Medicaid Program covering comprehensive reproductive health services

**ACA Marketplace plans, including federal subsidies and cost sharing reductions** for U.S. citizens and lawfully present non-citizens

# Federal Medicaid Programs for Non-Pregnant Adults

## ACA Adult Medicaid:

- Have income up to 138% FPL; Ex. \$1,677 monthly income for an individual and \$2,268 monthly for a family of 2
- Must be 19-64 years old
- must be Illinois resident
- Must be U.S. citizen or have a Qualified Immigrant status or designated as eligible for federal public benefits to the same extent as refugees

## AABD Medicaid for Seniors or People Living with Disabilities

- Have income up to 100% FPL; Ex. \$1,215 monthly income for an individual ([spenddown](#) is available)
- Asset test of \$17,500 for 1 or 2 people
- No cost-sharing
- Must be Illinois resident
- Must be U.S. citizen or Qualified Immigrant or designated as eligible for federal public benefits to the same extent as refugees

Spenddown helps some people who have too much income or too many assets (like bank accounts and other resources) to qualify for specific Medical Programs. If they have medical bills or receipts for recent payments they made for medical care, they may qualify under spenddown to get a medical card to pay for some of their medical care.

# ACA Adult and AABD Benefits and Services Covered

## ACA Adult: full comprehensive benefits

- Essential Health Benefits: ambulatory patient services; emergency services; hospitalization; maternity and newborn care; mental health and substance use disorder services; prescription drugs; rehabilitative and habilitative services; laboratory services; and preventive and wellness services
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment services (EPSDT) for 19 and 20 year olds
- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinic (RHC) services
- Non-emergency transportation
- Family planning services and supplies

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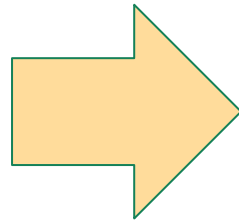


# Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Medicaid Programs (ACA Adult, AABD)

Only

- U.S. Citizens and
- “Qualified” Immigrants (or designated as eligible for federal public benefits to the same extent as refugees)

are eligible for Federal Medicaid (ACA Adult and AABD)



**PLUS: *Some* Qualified Immigrants are subject to a **Five year waiting period (also called Five Year Bar)** before they are eligible for Federal Medicaid (ACA Adult and AABD)**

# “Qualified” Immigrants Eligible for Federal Medicaid (ACA Adult, AABD) Include:

- Legal permanent resident (LPR, also known as a green card holder); **Subject to the Five-Year bar**
- Granted asylum; **NOT Subject to the Five-Year bar**
- Admitted to the U.S. as a refugee; **NOT Subject to the Five-Year bar**
- Paroled into the U.S. for a period **of at least one year**; (if prior to 1996, **not subject to the 5 year bar**; if after 1996, **subject to the Five-Year bar**)
- Granted withholding of deportation; **NOT Subject to the Five-Year bar**
- Cuban or Haitian entrant; **NOT Subject to the Five-Year bar**
- Lawfully residing in the United States in accordance with a Compact of Free Association (individuals from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau); **NOT Subject to the Five-Year bar**
- Was born in Canada and is at least 50 percent American Indian, or is a member of a tribe recognized by the Federal government. **NOT Subject to the Five-Year bar**
- Certain Amerasian Immigrants **NOT Subject to the Five-Year bar**
- Iraqis and Afghans granted Special Immigrant visas. **NOT Subject to the Five-Year bar**
- Immigrant with an approved visa petition filed by a spouse or parent, a self-petition under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that has been approved or sets forth a *prima facie case* for relief, or an approved application for cancellation of removal under VAWA. **Subject to the Five-Year bar**

Source: <https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/Health-Insurance-Marketplaces/Downloads/Immigration-Fact-Sheet.pdf>; See also: <https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/overview-immeligfedprograms/>. and CBPP 2020 OE8 Part III slide deck

# For Adults Age 42-64 Ineligible for ACA Adult Due to Their Immigration Status: **Health Benefit for Immigrant Adult (HBIA) Program**

- Must be age 42-64 years old
- Must have income up to 138% FPL
- Have an immigration status that is ineligible for Federal Medicaid (such as people who are undocumented, or have TPS, or granted parole for < one year, or is Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) for < 5 years)
- Covered services: doctor visits, hospital, labs, prescription drugs, mental health, vision and dental
- Ineligible for the Home and Community Based Services Waiver Programs listed on this webpage: <https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalclients/hcbs.html>; ineligible for nursing home institutional care.

FACT SHEET on [Health Benefit for Immigrant Adults \(HBIA\)](#); Spanish Language version [here](#), [Polish language translation](#), [Arabic language translation](#), and [simple Chinese language translation](#) of the fact sheet.

**As of July 1, 2023, HBIA enrollment has been paused by the HFS until further notice. More information can be found on [HFS website here](#).**

In June 2023, HFS announced imposition of cost sharing on HBIS/HBIA enrollees but then [on 9/5/23, HFS delayed implementation of cost sharing](#) (so cost sharing is not in effect as of 9/13/23)

# If Someone is Eligible for HBIA But Not Yet Enrolled (& for Non-pregnant adults age 19-41 who are undocumented (including DACA)):

- Because of the ongoing HBIA enrollment pause in effect, individuals who are eligible for HBIA **but unenrolled** as well as non-pregnant undocumented adults age 19-41, are eligible for:
  - Family Planning Presumptive Eligibility (FFPE) limited coverage benefit program for annual exam and family planning/ reproductive health services; Fact Sheet [here](#) and more information is on slide 19.
  - Emergency Medicaid (reimbursement for qualifying E.R. visits and hospital admissions based on that visit) if income-eligible; fact sheet [here](#).
  - Eligible for care at health centers, free and charitable clinics, eligible for charity care and hospital-based financial assistance programs (assuming income-eligible)

# For Seniors who are Ineligible for Federal AABD Due to their Immigration Status: **Health Benefit for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS) program**

- Must be age 65 or older
- Have an immigration status that is ineligible for Federal Medicaid, such as people who are undocumented, or have TPS, or granted parole for < one year, or is LPR for < 5 years
- Income must be < 100% FPL ([spenddown is available](#));
- [Asset test](#) of \$17,500 for 1 or 2 people
- Comprehensive health care, including doctors visits, hospital, labs, prescription drugs, mental health, vision and dental
- Ineligible for the Home and Community Based Services Waiver Programs listed on this webpage: <https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalclients/hcbs.html>; ineligible for nursing home institutional care.

Eligible Seniors Should Enroll in HBIS As Soon As Possible because HFS plans to cap enrollment in HBIS at 16,500 (enrollment was 15,178 as of 8/8/23)

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# Medicaid Programs for Pregnant People & Children

## Moms & Babies:

- Must be pregnant or within 90 day-period after pregnancy ended
- Coverage lasts for one year after pregnancy has ended
- Income up to 213% FPL; Ex. \$3,500 monthly for a family of 2--newborn is included in household ([spenddown is available](#))
- Available regardless of immigration status
- [Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility \(MPE\)](#): provides pregnant people immediate, temporary coverage for outpatient healthcare
- No cost sharing imposed
- Must be an Illinois resident

## All Kids:

- Must be age 18 or younger
- Have income up to 318% FPL; Ex. \$6,588.00 per month for family of 3
- Must be Illinois resident
- Available regardless of immigration status
- No cost sharing imposed

# Benefits and Services Covered

## All Kids

- coverage without any premiums or co-payments
- eligible for benefits even with current or recent private insurance (Medicaid as secondary payer)
- may apply for three months of retroactive coverage, if needed
- have coverage beginning with the month of application
- comprehensive benefits Medicaid offers, including non-emergency transportation
- have access to care coordination under the state's Medicaid managed care program
- access to vaccines under the Vaccine for Children's Program (VFC)
- Access to The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program (EPSDT) (comprehensive child health program that provides for initial and periodic examinations and medically necessary follow-up care.)
  - [The Handbook for Providers of Healthy Kids Services, Chapter HK-200](#), describes the components and frequency with which well-child screening services are to be performed & describes the EPSDT benefits available to HFS's Medical Program participants who are under the age of 21, as mandated by the Social Security Act.

## Moms & Babies

- Comprehensive coverage during the pregnancy and for one year after pregnancy has ended
- [Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility \(MPE\)](#): provides pregnant people immediate, temporary coverage for outpatient healthcare. If a pregnant person meets the Illinois residency and income requirements for MPE, they can get services right away--including the same day the individual signs the application if the MPE provider says the pregnant person is eligible. MPE covers outpatient services.
- If after one year after pregnancy had ended the individual does not qualify for another full benefit Medicaid program:
  - Family Planning Program: comprehensive reproductive health services: Fact Sheet [here](#) (more info on next slide)

# Home and Community Based Services Waiver Programs For Children

## **The Support Waiver for Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities:**

- Provides services to children and young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities ages 3 through 21 who live at home with their families and are at risk of placement in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disability (ICF/ID).
- Must be a U.S. citizen or Qualified Immigrant or designated as eligible for federal public benefits to the same extent as refugees
- Services: Adaptive Equipment; Assistive Technology; Behavior Intervention and Treatment; Home Accessibility Modifications; Personal Support; Self-Direction Assistance; Temporary Assistance; Training and Counseling Services for Unpaid Caregivers
- Vehicle Modification

## **Illinois' Residential Waiver for Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

- provides services to children and young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities ages 3 through 21 who are at risk of placement in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disability (ICF/ID).
- Must be U.S. citizen or Qualified Immigrant or designated as eligible for federal public benefits to the same extent as refugees
- Services: Adaptive Equipment; Assistive Technology; Behavior Intervention and Treatment; Child's Group Home

**NOTE: For all waivers -including the DSCC MFTD waiver and the DRS Persons with Disabilities waiver, an individual must be a Qualified Immigrant (see slide 10) or U.S. Citizen to be eligible or designated as eligible for federal public benefits to the same extent as refugees.**




# Over 13,000 New Arrivals Since Last Fall

- Individuals who arrived into U.S. (and then traveled to Illinois) on/after August 2022, with the intent to stay in Illinois permanently and who does not possess any permanent immigration legal status (such as legal permanent residency)
- **Most common immigration statuses:**
  1. Individual is undocumented and has no pathway to legal status
  2. Individual is provided *temporary parole* and is planning to file an application for *Asylum*
  3. Individual has filed an application for *Asylum*
  4. In Illinois on a valid or expired non-immigrant visa (such as a tourist visa)
  5. Individual has been granted a type of *Parole* (various types, durations)

# VTTC Medical Assistance Program:

Newly-arrived Illinois residents who are *preparing to file or have filed* an application for asylum, U visa (for survivors of certain crimes), or a T visa (for survivors of trafficking)



- [VTTC medical assistance program](#), if at or < 100% FPL (spenddown available); Asset test of \$17,500 for 1 or 2 people.
- VTTC fact sheet for community [here](#) (includes links to translations to Spanish, Polish, Arabic and simple Chinese).

For new arrivals with other statuses, they may be eligible for **HBIA/HBIS, FPPE**, or may have a parole status which confers equivalent eligibility for federal benefits the same as refugees. Here is a chart on Health Coverage Eligibility for Individuals Granted Various Types of Parole: [chart here](#)

# More About the HFS Family Planning Program (FPP), which includes Family Planning Presumptive Eligibility (FPPE)

The HFS Family Planning Program (FPP): a medical program administered by HFS that provides limited medical coverage specifically for preventive reproductive health services for eligible Illinois residents, regardless of age or gender.

- Covered services in the HFS FPP/FPPE include (no out of pocket cost):

An annual physical exam.	Family planning counseling including fertility awareness based methods.
All FDA-approved methods of contraception	STI testing/treatment and HIV testing/prevention with PrEP and PEP
Vaccines related to reproductive health.	Screening for cervical cancer including treatment for abnormal pap results
Basic infertility counseling and services.	Mammogram screening for breast cancer, including BRCA genetic counseling and testing

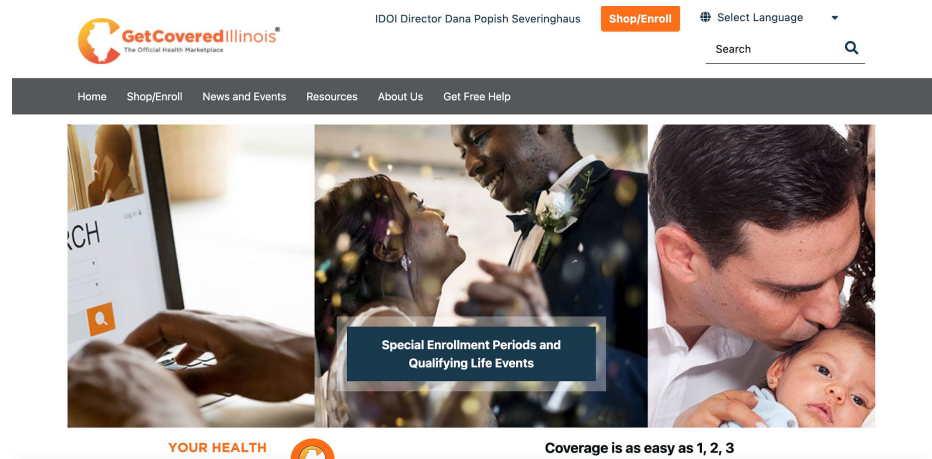
- FPP benefits are currently only available to U.S. citizens, individuals with statuses equivalent to refugees, and [Qualified Immigrants](#) including asylees, refugees, legal permanent residents who have had their green card for at least five years, and other humanitarian immigrants listed [here](#).
- This program can be a default program for those who do not qualify for full Medicaid benefits, or it can be a program of choice for some individuals who may not want full Medicaid coverage, have private insurance that does not cover reproductive health services, or have confidentiality concerns using their private insurance.

**What is FPPE?** Consistent with [MPE coverage](#) for pregnant individuals, one can also get immediate, temporary coverage for family planning and related services with those who are certified to be **Family Planning Presumptive Eligibility (FPPE)** providers. FPPE has more generous eligibility rules for immigrants and is part of FPP. FPPE does not require proof of citizenship to qualify and is available to all **qualifying Illinois residents regardless of immigration status.**

# ACA Marketplace

- Coverage pathway created by Affordable Care Act
- Illinois chose to use the federal **Healthcare.gov** platform as its Marketplace to offer private health insurance plans
- Premium and cost sharing subsidies based on income are available
- Open enrollment: Nov. 1, 2023- Jan. 15, 2024 (or qualify for Special Enrollment Period)
- U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals are eligible for coverage through the ACA Marketplace. More information linked [here](#).
- *Lawfully present* immigrants are eligible for coverage through the ACA Marketplace (see next slide)

Illinois uses  
GetCoveredIllinois.gov as  
its landing page



# Health Insurance, **Lawfully Present** Immigration Categories Eligible for ACA Marketplace Coverage

All the Categories Listed in these Two Boxes are Eligible for the ACA Marketplace Coverage:

Lawfully Present Statuses that Also Meet the More Restrictive Federal Medicaid and CHIP Standard	Other Lawfully Present Statuses
<p>“Qualified” Immigrants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR/green card holder)</li> <li>• Refugee</li> <li>• Asylee</li> <li>• Cuban/Haitian Entrant</li> <li>• Paroled into the U.S. for at least one year</li> <li>• Conditional Entrant</li> <li>• Granted Withholding of Deportation or Withholding of Removal</li> <li>• Battered Spouse, Child and Parent</li> <li>• Trafficking Survivor and his/her Spouse, Child, Sibling or Parent</li> </ul> <p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of a federally-recognized Indian tribe or American Indian born in Canada</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Granted relief under the Convention Against Torture (CAT)</li> <li>• Temporary Protected Status (TPS)</li> <li>• Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)</li> <li>• Deferred Action (except DACA)*</li> <li>• Paroled into the US for less than one year</li> <li>• Individual with Nonimmigrant Status (includes worker visas; student visas; U visas; citizens of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau; and many others)</li> <li>• Compact of Free Association (COFA)</li> <li>• Administrative order staying removal issued by the Department of Homeland Security</li> <li>• Lawful Temporary Resident</li> <li>• Family Unity</li> </ul>
<p><b>*EXCEPTION:</b> Individuals granted deferred action under the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program are <u>not</u> eligible to enroll in coverage in the Marketplace.</p>	

APPLICANT for Any of These Statuses:	Must Also Have Employment Authorization:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lawful Permanent Resident (with an approved visa petition)</li> <li>• Special Immigrant Juvenile Status</li> <li>• Victim of Trafficking Visa (T visa)</li> <li>• Withholding of deportation or withholding of removal, under the immigration laws or under the Convention Against Torture (CAT)*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant for Temporary Protected Status</li> <li>• Registry Applicants</li> <li>• Order of Supervision</li> <li>• Applicant for Cancellation of Removal or Suspension of Deportation</li> <li>• Applicant for Legalization under IRCA</li> <li>• Applicant for LPR under the LIFE Act</li> <li>• Applicants for asylum*</li> </ul>
<p><i>*Only those who have been granted employment authorization or are under the age of 14 and have had an application pending for at least 180 days are eligible</i></p>	

# Eligible for ACA Subsidized Coverage via [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov)?

## New Arrivals' Common Immigration Statuses and Eligibility for Marketplace

	Undocumented (including DACA)	Applicant for T-visa	Applicant for Asylum	U-visa applicants	LPR < 5 years	Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
<b>ACA Coverage with federal premium subsidies</b>	<b>No</b> , ineligible (although Biden administration proposed a rule to add DACA as lawfully present--stay tuned!)	<b>Yes</b> , if prima facie case determination on a T visa application	<b>Yes</b> , if they've been granted employment authorization or are under the age of 14 and have had an application pending for at least 180 days.	<b>No</b> ; however some U-visa applicants can be granted "deferred action" status while their application is pending and this is a lawfully present status	Yes	Yes

Source: <https://www.healthcare.gov/immigrants/immigration-status/>

# Resources

# Health Coverage Pathways for New Arrivals (Most Common Immigration Statuses)

	Undocumented	Applicant for T-visa	Applicant for Asylum	U-visa applicants	Asylee Status Granted	T visa Granted
<b>*Health Benefit for Immigrant Adults (HBIA)</b> , if age 42-64 and income up to 138% FPL	Yes eligible	Yes eligible	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Health Benefit for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS)</b> , if 65 or older and income up to 100% FPL (spenddown available)	Yes eligible	Yes eligible	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>VTTC Medical</b> if income up to 100% FPL (spenddown is available)	If preparing to file or have filed for T/ U/ asylum	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Medical Benefits for Asylum Applicants and Torture Victims Program</b> (if 19 years old or older) (SOURCE: IDHS policy <a href="#">here</a> )	No	Yes if receiving federally funded torture treatment services.	Yes if have a pending asylum application, receiving federally funded torture treatment services.	No	Yes if receiving federally funded torture treatment services.	Yes if receiving federally funded torture treatment services.
<b>Moms &amp; Babies</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>All Kids</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>ACA Adult Medicaid, AABD</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>HFS FPP/FPPE</b>	Yes FPPE	Yes FPPE	Yes FPPE	Yes FPPE	Yes FPP	Yes FPP

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# Need more information?

- VTTC fact sheet for enrollment assister ([here](#))
- VTTC community fact sheet [here](#); See the [Spanish version](#), [Polish language translation](#), [Arabic language translation](#) and [simple Chinese language translation](#) of this fact sheet.
- Benefits for Migrants: [here](#). Spanish Version [here](#); Arabic translation [here](#); Polish translation [here](#); simple Chinese translation [here](#).
- Health Coverage & Public Charge Fact Sheet: [here](#)
- Moms & Babies and Public Charge fact sheet: [here](#)
- HBIS and HBIA fact sheet for enrollment assisters: [here](#). Spanish Language version [here](#), [Polish language translation](#), [Arabic language translation](#), and [simple Chinese language translation](#) of the fact sheet linked as well.
- Benefits Eligibility for Individuals Granted Parole: [chart here](#)
- **[Protecting Immigrant Families - Illinois \(PIF-IL\)](#)**: Factsheets available in multiple languages and on multiple issues relevant to public charge. For questions or to request a public charge presentation email: [pifillinois@povertylaw.org](mailto:pifillinois@povertylaw.org).
- **[Keep Your Benefits](#)**: Contains a Guide to see if someone would be assessed under the public charge test.
- Long List of “Safe” Benefits Not Counted in Public Charge: [here](#)
- HFS Family Planning program fact sheet (includes FPPE): FACT SHEET [Here](#)

# New Health Coverage Fact Sheets By Immigration Status

We have new tools to help you in your work providing information to immigrants about their health coverage options. The [IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH COVERAGE FACT SHEET](#) folder has fact sheets in English, Spanish, Polish, Arabic and simple Chinese detailing eligibility for Medicaid, Medicaid-like, and ACA health care coverage programs depending on an individual's immigration status:

1. Granted Parole For Less Than One Year
2. Granted Parole for More than One Year After 8.22.96
3. Granted Ukrainian Parolee Status (in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#) only)
4. Granted Venezuelan Parolee Status
5. Individuals who have Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
6. Asylees
7. Individuals who are undocumented
8. Individuals granted a T visa (victims of trafficking)
9. Individuals granted a U visa (victims of certain crimes)
10. Legal Permanent Resident

# Get Care Illinois Website

- [GetCareIllinois](#) website (English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Polish): *This site will help you get healthcare coverage if you need it. If you already have healthcare coverage, this site will help you understand how to use your coverage to go to the doctor.*
  - New webpage on Immigrant Health coming soon!



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Get Care Illinois website. The header features the site's name in orange and white, a search bar, and a navigation menu with links for 'Need Health Coverage?', 'Have Health Coverage?', 'Need More Help?', and language options: 'Español', '繁體中文', 'العربية', and 'Polski'. The main content area has a blue background with a white outline of Illinois and the text 'Get Care Illinois' in large white font. At the bottom, there is a dark grey banner with white text: 'Medicaid members! Don't risk losing your health insurance. Please update your address with Illinois Medicaid. It's easy, fast, and free: Call 877-805-5312 from 7:45am-4:30pm or visit [Medicaid.Illinois.gov](https://www.Medicaid.Illinois.gov). If you use a TTY, call 1-877-204-1012.' An orange button on the right says 'Update Your Info Now'.

# HelpHub Can Answer Your Immigrant Eligibility Questions

**HelpHub** is an online community where enrollment assisters in Illinois can share their experiences, ask questions and troubleshoot problems they are having helping consumers enroll into affordable, comprehensive health care options. We also answer questions on immigrant eligibility for public benefits and on the intersection of public benefits and public charge.

- Free
- REGISTER: <http://helphub.povertylaw.org>

## Examples of Help Hub questions:

- A client was denied for Moms & Babies due to immigration status. Can you help?
- Does All Kids cover this service my client needs?
- How does my client sign up for Pandemic-EBT?
- My client is concerned about public charge if she enrolls in LIHEAP.

# How Do I Sign Up for HelpHub?

## HelpHub

### Sign in

Email

Password

Remember me

[Forgot your password?](#)

HelpHub is an online community where enrollment and outreach specialists in Illinois can share their experiences helping consumers enroll into new health care options under the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare).

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# How to Ask a Question on HelpHub

## Does Workers Compensation count towards SNAP?

Assign Edit question x

👍 Me too

I have a consumer who was told originally that she would not be eligible for benefits for Medicaid and SNAP because her income exceeded the income guidelines, this comes from the local DHS office. She researched herself and found that work comp does not count towards Medicaid eligibility, however, we can not find anything that states it counts towards SNAP.

I assume that it does, but not 100% sure. Can anyone answer this? Thank you!

Amy Burris [Murphysboro] asked on May 16, 2017

SNAP SNAP eligibility + Add your own

### 2 answers

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**Kathryn Nelson** [Villa Park, IL] May 17, 2017

Income received under this program counts towards SNAP. If a WC settlement is received any portion for medical or litigation costs is exempt.

## Ask for advice

Ask a question about enrollment problems you or your clients are having.

Ask

### Related

Events Documents Q&A Stories

- How SNAP benefits are calculated?
- How can I find an alternative telephone number for a local FCRC?
- Updated best practices for helping folks who missed their SNAP appointment?
- How do I submit household income questions if patient is uncertain?
- How can you activate a LINK card if head of household doesn't have a social

# Questions? Interested in a Longer Presentation?

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