

THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM & COVID-19 FOR CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANTS

STATE & FEDERAL LAWS PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF YOUR INFORMATION

Immigration status should **NOT** stop you from getting the healthcare you need.

TYPES OF HEALTH PROGRAMS

There are three major types of plans for enrolling into a health program:

PRIVATE

For anyone who can pay for a plan.

PUBLIC

For citizens & some immigrants who are low-income OR are eligible for Social Security.

EMPLOYER

For workers who have a health plan through their job.



PRIVATE HEALTH PLAN

- **The Affordable Care Act (ACA)** is a U.S. law that requires private health plans to include basic health services.
- Undocumented people & DACA recipients are **NOT** included in the ACA.
- Some immigrants can buy a health plan under the ACA.
- **The ACA includes** services such as:



- preventative care
- vision
- prescriptions
- dental
- counseling
- vaccines

PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN

- **Medicaid** is the U.S. public health program for low-income individuals. 
- Medicaid covers citizens & some 'qualified' immigrants, **NOT** undocumented people.
- **Medicare** is the U.S. public health program available if you are 65+ or have a disability. 
- Some immigrants must wait 5yrs after receiving 'qualified' immigrant status before they can receive Medicaid or Medicare.

CALIFORNIA DOES THINGS DIFFERENTLY

- **Covered California** is the state's ACA marketplace to buy a private health plan.
- **Some immigrants** can buy a health plan through Covered California.
- Undocumented people & DACA recipients can buy a health plan with a broker, outside of Covered California.
- Special enrollment is now available due to COVID-19. **Follow the link to apply:**

www.coveredca.com



- **Medi-Cal** is California's public health program.
- With state funds, **California expands public services to other residents**, including undocumented Californians up to the age of 26.
- There are two kinds of Medi-Cal:

Full-Scope & Emergency Medi-Cal

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TESTING & TREATMENT FOR COVID-19:

- count as emergency services;
- are **FREE** under Medi-Cal,
- **regardless of income and immigration status;**
- will **NOT** harm your immigration status in the future.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING:
bit.ly/CAcovidtest

CALIFORNIA MEDI-CAL PROGRAM

FULL-SCOPE MEDI-CAL

Services

- COVID-19 testing & treatment
- Medical • Mental Health
- and more

Immigrant Eligibility

- DACA Recipients
- Undocumented Children & Young Adults (0-25 yrs.)
- Asylees, Refugees, U & T Visa & VAWA Self-Petitioners
- Permanent U.S. Residents, U.S. Citizens and others



EMERGENCY MEDI-CAL

Services

- COVID-19 testing & treatment
- Emergency Services
- Services related to pregnancy

Immigrant Eligibility

- Undocumented Adults (ages 26+)

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDI-CAL

Eligibility for Medi-Cal is based on **immigration status & income.**

Find out if you qualify for Medi-Cal:

- based on immigration status:
bit.ly/immigranteligibility
- based on income:
bit.ly/medicaleligibility

PUBLIC COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES



**SERVICES
DEPEND ON
THE COUNTY
YOU LIVE IN**

For people who don't qualify for a Medi-Cal program, (for example: undocumented adults) the best options are:

- County Health Services, and
- Community Health Centers

HEALTH CENTERS ARE SAFE SPACES TO VISIT

VISIT THE LINK to enroll into a health program you qualify for & get the services you need:

CALL BEFORE VISITING

www.LocalClinic.net

TO FIND LOCAL RESOURCES:

