

What if I am Undocumented?

Undocumented Adults are eligible to receive Medicaid coverage for emergency medical procedures, certain public health services, and services provided by community health centers

Undocumented children and pregnant women are eligible to participate in AllKids or Moms & Babies regardless of immigration status if they meet the income requirements.

Undocumented Adults **WILL NOT** be prosecuted by the government for applying for benefits on behalf of their citizen children.

**You have a right to
affordable health
insurance regardless
of income!**

**IF YOU ARE DENIED
COVERAGE...**

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**We offer free legal
services to ensure that
you obtain the
healthcare coverage you
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YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO RECEIVE AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE!

Individuals age 19 and older are eligible for Medicaid if they earn less than \$1,321 per month. Former foster youth are eligible regardless of income until age 26.

What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a free government health insurance program for low income persons that will pay for your medical bills. If you enroll in Medicaid you will get a Medical Card that you can use to receive free or almost free medical services.

Obtaining health insurance is an important part of housing stability:

Individuals without stable housing face major risks to their health that can lead to bankruptcy. Getting health insurance is important in order to avoid expensive medical bills and long term illnesses.

Who is eligible?

There are limits to how much money you may earn in order to be eligible, depending on your family size. For example:

Single Adult: \$15,857 per year
Five-person Family: \$38,048 per year

Note: Unemployment checks count as income.

If your monthly income varies, your estimated average monthly income will be used.

What you need to apply for a medical card:

- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- An Illinois address where you can receive mail

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid delays or errors in the application process, it is a good idea to provide as much documentation as possible.

Suggested Documents:

- Proof of Identity: Ex: Driver's License or other State or School ID
- Proof of Residency: Ex: Letter from a shelter
- Proof of Income: Ex: Pay check or benefits letter



How do I apply for Medicaid?

1. Provide your Social Security Number, address in Illinois, and date of birth.
2. Fill out an application online, by phone, or in person at an Illinois Department of Human Services ("DHS") office. Your application may take up to 45 days to process.
3. If approved, fill out follow-up paperwork sent by mail to choose a health plan.

Where to apply?

Online: www.Abe.Illinois.gov

Phone: (866) 311-1119

In Person: At your local DHS office

Examples of covered services:

- Doctor's visits
- Medicine
- **Mental and behavioral health treatment**
- **Drug and Alcohol Treatment**
- Immunizations and other preventive services
- Emergency care
- Pregnancy and newborn care
- Dental (up to age 20)
- Hospitalization
- Birth Control
- Transportation to health care services (requires pre-approval)

There are other health coverage options available if your income exceeds the limits for Medicaid!

Families and children with incomes higher than the Medicaid limit are still eligible for health insurance and should always apply online.

Individuals who exceed the income limit for Medicaid are eligible to receive money from the federal government to purchase affordable health insurance through the new **Illinois Health Marketplace: Get Covered Illinois:**

Phone: (866) 311-1119

Online: www.GetCoveredIllinois.gov