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Illinois Department of
Healthcare and Family Services

MEDICAID RULES ARE CHANGING

**Medicaid eligibility for noncitizens
is changing, effective October 1, 2026.**



A new federal law (HR1) is changing who qualifies for Medicaid.

You may also know Illinois Medicaid by names like All Kids, Aetna, BlueCross BlueShield, CountyCare, Meridian or Molina.

Some noncitizens may lose coverage starting October 1, 2026.

Here's what is changing:

Some noncitizens, including but not limited to **refugees, asylees, humanitarian parolees, and survivors of trafficking or domestic violence will no longer qualify for federally-funded Medicaid.** Individuals in these groups may still receive Emergency Medicaid, but not regular full-scope benefits.

The following groups will remain eligible:

- Naturalized Citizens
- Lawful permanent residents who meet or are exempt from the 5-year eligibility bar
- Certain Cuban and Haitian entrants
- COFA migrants (from Marshall Islands, Micronesia or Palau)
- Children under 19 years old and pregnant people
- Individuals enrolled in a state-funded program including AATV, VTTC, and HBIS

What to do now:

- **Update your contact information at abe.illinois.gov** so HFS can reach you.
- **Watch your mail.** HFS will send you a personalized notice if you are affected.
- **Get care and pick up prescriptions before October 1, 2026.**
- **If you are notified that you lost coverage, look for another health plan.** Visit GetCoveredIllinois.gov and check employer plans. You may also call 1-877-805-5312 to speak with a caseworker.



1-877-805-5312

Scan the
QR Code
and click
“Manage My
Case”

Includes individuals with certain qualified immigration statuses, such as refugees, asylees, trafficking survivors, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders, certain parolees, VAWA applicants, and other protected humanitarian categories. Medical Assistance for Asylum Applicants and Torture Victims, Victims of Trafficking, Torture, or Other Serious Crimes programs, and Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors. These groups may still receive Emergency Medicaid, but not full-scope benefits. More information and clinic locations are available online at www.illinoisfreeclinics.org and www.iphca.org/health-center-locator.