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Important Notice about Your Medical Benefits

Federal Law Changes May Affect You and Your Family

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Dear Customer,

Federal law changes will end Medicaid eligibility for many noncitizens starting October 1, 2026.

What to do:

Update Your Address and Immigration Status So We Can Keep You Informed About Benefits Changes that May Impact You

1. Check that we have your correct home address, phone number, and e-mail.
2. For anyone receiving benefits, make sure we have their **current** immigration status, and provide any documentation of updates.

You can review and update your information through:

- ABE Manage My Case: https://abe.illinois.gov/access/,
- By going to your local Family and Community Resource Center,
- By calling the All Kids Unit toll-free at 1-877-805-5312 (TTY: 1-877-204-1012), or
- If you need help navigating this change, contact an Immigrant Resource Program partner at 1-855-435-7693.

Please provide any updates or changes as soon as possible.

What is changing:

Beginning October 1, 2026, ONLY the following noncitizens will keep their Medicaid coverage:

1. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs or "green card" holders) who:
    - Have met the 5-year eligibility bar, OR
    - Are not subject to the five-year eligibility bar (for instance, refugees, asylees, and trafficking survivors who adjust to LPR from that status)
2. Cuban/Haitian entrants
3. Compacts of Free Association (COFA) migrants
4. Children under the age of 19 (All Kids) and pregnant individuals (Moms & Babies)

See back for more information.

5. People who have 40 qualifying quarters of work in the U.S. or who are a veteran or active-duty military and their spouses.
6. People already enrolled in the Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS)
7. People enrolled in:
    - AATV Medical coverage
    - Illinois's medical program for survivors of domestic violence
    - Illinois's medical program kidney/renal disease

Under the new federal rules, if you are not in one of these groups, your Medicaid coverage will end on September 30, 2026.

Where Can You Go For Help

Individuals whose Medicaid coverage ends may be able to get primary and preventative care in other places. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and free and charitable clinics serve uninsured and underinsured people regardless of their immigration status and ability to pay. More information and clinic locations are available online at www.illinoisfreeclinics.org and https://www.iphca.org/health-center-locator/.

For information about your rights and responsibilities, you can call the Immigrant Family Resource Program at 1-855-435-7693 or visit "Support Services for Recently Arrived Migrants" at www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=146838 to find a list of community service agencies serving immigrants nearest you.

If you have questions about this letter, please call the All Kids Unit toll-free at 1-877-805-5312 (TTY: 1-877-204-1012).

Sincerely,
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services