

MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR NONCITIZENS IS CHANGING, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026



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Healthcare and Family Services

Read on to find out if you are affected and what options you may have.

If any of the following applies to you, you do **NOT** need to do anything. Your Medicaid eligibility is **NOT** affected. If you do not meet at least one of these qualifications, your Medicaid coverage is affected by the federal changes. However, you may qualify for AATV, a state-funded insurance program for select noncitizens.



Naturalized Citizens

Born in the U.S., or became a citizen



Lawful Permanent Resident (Green Card holder)

If subject to the 5-year bar (wait period), must have met the 5-year bar OR are exempt from the 5-year bar (such as adjusting to LPR from a refugee or asylee status). Call 1-877-805-5312 to confirm.



Cuban or Haitian Entrant

Only if you entered under a specific humanitarian program - call 1-877-805-5312 if this applies to you.



COFA Migrant

From Marshall Islands, Micronesia, or Palau



Pregnant

Pregnant people are covered under other Medicaid regardless of immigrant status. Visit HFS Moms and Babies website or call 1-877-805-5312 to confirm eligibility and apply today.



Under 19 Years Old

Children are covered under "All Kids" regardless of immigrant status. Visit the HFS All Kids website or call 1-877-805-5312 to confirm eligibility and apply today.



Not in one of these groups?

Your Medicaid Coverage may end on October 1, 2026.

Call 1-877-805-5312 to find out if your coverage is changing.

GETTING COVERAGE THROUGH OTHER PROGRAMS

Illinois AATV is state-funded - HR 1 does not affect it.

What is AATV? AATV (Asylum Applicants & Torture Victims) is a medical program paid for by the state of Illinois - not the federal government. That means HR1 does not affect it. If you qualify, it may cover your medical care for up to 36 months. It includes the following noncitizen populations:

- Individuals receiving services through a federally funded torture treatment center (coverage for up to 24 months)
- Individuals who have file a pending application for a T Visa, a U Visa, or Asylum
- Individuals who have an appeal pending regarding a T Visa, a U Visa, or Asylum application
- Individuals who have obtained their U Visa
- Individuals who have filed an application as a derivative family member or are included as a derivative family member in an application for a T Visa, a U Visa, or asylum of said applicants

If you meet ALL of the following criteria, you may be eligible for AATV.

If you do not meet all of these, call 1-877-805-5312 to find out what other options may be available.

1

Have a pending asylum, T or U visa application (or appeal), or are a U visa holders - or are a "victim of torture."

A torture victim is someone getting treatment at a federally-funded torture treatment center.

2

Live In Illinois

3

Are 19 and older

4

Have income at or below Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

About \$1,330/month for an individual (2026 level). Call 1-877-805-5312 to confirm.

5

Have total assets of \$17,500 or less

Money in checking/saving accounts are included, but your home and one car do not count towards this limit. About \$1,330/month for an individual (2026 level). Call 1-877-805-5312 to confirm.



If you said YES to all five - you may qualify. **APPLY TODAY**



Scan the
QR Code
to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

1

Apply online or in person
abe.illinois.gov
Your local DHS office

2

Get your documents ready
ID, Proof of IL address,
Asylum paperwork, Income Info

3

Need free help?
Call 1-877-805-5312
abe.illinois.gov

Denied? You can appeal. Ask for a Fair Hearing through the Illinois Department of Human Services within 60 days of getting your denial. Use the ABE portal or call 1-800-435-0774.

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 www.iphca.org/health-center-locator. These individuals may also still receive Emergency Medicaid.