



## Illinois Health Benefits for Immigrants

**Eligible:** Non-qualified, non-citizen immigrant Illinois residents are eligible for the following Medicaid programs depending on age and income level:

- Birth through age 18: All Kids (Medicaid) if household income is at or less than 318% of the federal poverty level
- Pregnant adults at or below 210% of the federal poverty level are eligible for Moms & Babies, including for 1 year postpartum
- Adults age 42 – 64: (NOTE: program is paused since 7/1/23) at 138% of the federal poverty level,
- 65 and over, at or under 100% of the federal poverty level

**Ineligible:** Undocumented Illinois residents are ineligible for Medicaid programs, including Medicaid HCBS waiver programs if:

- Adults age 19 -41 and not pregnant
- Students ages 19-21 still enrolled in school with IEPs (these students can find health care in a school-based health center, federally qualified health center or community health center ([www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov](http://www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov)) or can private pay for private insurance (not eligible for Marketplace plans)

### **Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA):**

<https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalclients/coverageforimmigrantseniors/healthbenefitsforimmigrants.html>

### **Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS):**

<https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalclients/coverageforimmigrantseniors.html> HFS will cap enrollment at 16,500 (as of 8/8/23 enrollment in HBIS was at 15,178).

Note: You can use your medical bills to reduce your countable income or assets. Your home and one car is not counted as an asset.

## **Covered Benefits through HBIA and HBIS:**

Covered services include doctor and hospital care, lab tests, rehabilitative services such as physical and occupational therapy, home health, mental health and substance use disorder services, dental and vision services, and prescription drugs.

Long Term Care Services will not be covered. This includes nursing facility services and home or community-based waiver services as an alternative to facility services. HBIS - may cover prior health care up to 3 months before you apply.

**Public Charge:** If you have questions about how enrollment in this program would affect current or future requests to change your immigration status, please email Protecting Immigrant Families at [pifillinois@povertylaw.org](mailto:pifillinois@povertylaw.org), or call the Immigrant Family Resource Program at 1-855-437-7669. They will help you find an organization to answer your questions.

Applications for these benefits can be completed through any of the following methods.

- ✓ Apply online: <https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/>
- ✓ Apply by phone - call the ABE Customer Call Center at 1-800-843-6154.
- ✓ Contact a **Community Service Agency** for help in applying in 59 languages.
- ✓ Apply by mail – use the on-line paper application: <https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/hfs2378h.pdf> or ask the ABE Customer Call Center (1-800-843-6154) to request a paper application in Spanish.

For More Information

Contact: <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=124289>

DHS Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services:

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=33137> , phone (312) 793-7120, or email [DHS.BRIS@illinois.gov](mailto:DHS.BRIS@illinois.gov)

Medicare: Non-qualified non-citizens are not eligible for Medicare, a federal health care program for individuals age 65 and older and certain adults with disabilities.