

Can I get health insurance even if I do not currently have immigration status?

If you are eligible for immigration relief and have applied for it, you may be able to get public health insurance (Medicaid) even though you are undocumented.

Immigration Eligibility:

After applying for immigration relief, you will receive a document called “Form I-797” stating that your application is being processed. Upon receiving the I-797, you are eligible to apply for Medicaid.

Income Eligibility:

- ❖ You are eligible for Medicaid if you are a family of one and earn up to \$16,395 per year. Larger families can have higher incomes.

Residency Requirement:

- ❖ You must be able to prove that you live in New York State.

Children:

Your children may already be eligible public health insurance through Emergency Medicaid or Child Health Plus.

- ❖ Children under the age of 19 are eligible for Child Health Plus even if they have no immigration status or have an immigration application pending.

Alternative Options:

If you are not eligible for Medicaid, there may be other options available for you, such as: Emergency Medicaid, Health and Hospitals Corporations’ (HHC) Options, federally qualified health centers, and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

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