

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IF MY INCOME HAS INCREASED AND I DO NOT STILL QUALIFY FOR MEDICAID OR CHIP?

If your income has increased, you may no longer be eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, **BUT** you may be eligible to buy affordable health insurance through the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Marketplace, and you may qualify for generous financial assistance to lower your health coverage costs. The Marketplace offers plans that are:

- **Affordable**—4 out of 5 people can find plans costing less than \$10 a month. Thanks to additional financial assistance made available by Congress, this year, more than 2.6 million Latinos are now eligible for coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace that does not cost them anything to buy.
- **Comprehensive**—Most plans cover things like prescription drugs, doctor visits, urgent care, hospital visits, and more.

Visit **HealthCare.gov** or **CuidadoDeSalud.gov** to find more information on how to enroll in a Marketplace plan and to see if you might be able to save on the cost of your coverage. When you apply, make sure to include current information about your household size, income, and your state's recent decision (if applicable) about whether you are eligible for coverage under Medicaid or CHIP.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR MARKETPLACE HEALTH INSURANCE BEGINS NOVEMBER 1.

WHAT INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION WILL I NEED TO DISCLOSE WHEN APPLYING FOR MEDICAID/CHIP?*

In general, you should be prepared to provide:

- Proof of identity (e.g., driver's license or photo ID)
- Social Security Number (for the individual applying for coverage only)
- Proof of residence (e.g., a utility bill, lease, or driver's license)
- Proof of income (please contact your state Medicaid office or one of the enrollment assisters if you have questions regarding proof of income)
- Proof of citizenship or immigration status

* States that allow certain undocumented individuals to access health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP (such as California and Illinois) may require alternative forms of documentation. Please check with your state agency to determine the required paperwork.

IS HEALTH COVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES WITH MIXED IMMIGRATION STATUS?

Citizens, lawful permanent residents, and other qualified immigrants are eligible for coverage through Medicaid, CHIP, and the Marketplace. **Family members without an eligible immigration status can apply on behalf of their eligible dependents.**

For example, an undocumented parent can apply on behalf of an eligible child. Family members who are not applying for coverage for themselves **will not be asked about their immigration status.** Renewal notices or forms sent as part of this process are unrelated to your or a family member's immigration status.

WILL ENROLLING IN MEDICAID OR CHIP AFFECT ME OR MY CHILD IN RELATION TO PUBLIC CHARGE?

Medicaid is not considered a public charge determination (unless it is for long-term care like a nursing home). The Trump-era public charge regulations are no longer in effect, and instead the federal government reinstated the previous policy under which it is safe for immigrants and their families to access health, nutrition, and housing programs for which they are eligible.

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

- For questions, please contact your [state Medicaid office](#) or visit <https://www.medicaid.gov/>.
- Contact the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 (in English and Spanish) to learn more about Marketplace coverage.
- To find local help visit localhelp.healthcare.gov or ayudalocal.cidadodesalud.gov.
- Some UnidosUS Affiliates provide services to help families understand and enroll in health coverage. **Find Affiliates in your state here:** <https://www.unidosus.org/about/affiliates/>.

