

Health Benefits for Immigrants in Illinois: Medicaid Expansion Programs

As of 2022, there are two Medicaid-like programs in Illinois, Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS) for ages 65 and older, and Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA) for ages 42-64. A Medicaid-like program is public insurance that provides health coverage to low-income individuals who meet the eligibility criteria. These programs are for individuals who are not eligible for Medicare or traditional Medicaid.



Medicaid covered services are comprehensive! They include doctor visits, hospital care, medically necessary surgeries and ER visits, vision, hearing, dental, behavioral health, prescriptions drugs, labs, and more. These programs do not count toward public charge.

Eligibility Criteria for HBIS (65+)

You may qualify if you meet the following criteria:

- (1) You live in Illinois
- (2) Your income is 100% or less of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
Example: In 2022, monthly income of \$1,133 or less for an individual or \$1,526 or less for a family of 2.
- (3) You have one of these statuses: Undocumented, green card holders who have had this status less than 5 years, or have TPS.



Eligibility Criteria for HBIA (42-64)

You may qualify if you meet the following criteria:

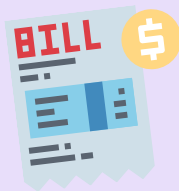
- (1) You live in Illinois
- (2) Your income is 138% or less of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
Example: In 2022, monthly income of \$3,191 or less for a family of four.
- (3) You have one of these statuses: Undocumented, green card holders who have had this status less than 5 years, or have TPS.



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*If you do not qualify for HBIA or HBIS due to your age, income, or other requirements, you can access medical care at a free or community clinic. The range of services vary, but can include primary care, prenatal, dental and mental health options, among other services. Services are free or on a sliding scale. To find a clinic, visit:
www.icirr.org/healthcare-resources-inter-map.*



For emergency room (ER) visits, you may also qualify for Emergency Medicaid or hospital financial assistance to help with medical bills you may receive from the ER visit.

You have a right to access these services regardless of your immigration status! The use of these programs do not count toward public charge and will not impact your immigration status.



GET CONNECTED!

- 1** Connect with a local organization through ICIRR's Immigrant Family Resource Program (IFRP) who can help you understand your eligibility for these programs, complete and submit your application. Visit www.icirr.org/ifrp or call our Family Support Network: (855) 435-7693, follow the prompts.
- 2** Apply for HBIS and HBIA directly at www.ABE.Illinois.gov or by calling the ABE Customer Call Center 800-843-6154. They have agents ready to serve you in multiple languages.
- 3** To find multilingual immigrant health resources, visit: www.icirr.org/healthcare-access.

