



COVID-19 Uninsured Group



What is covered under this program?

This program provides temporary coverage for COVID-19 testing, testing-related services, and treatment services (including medically necessary care). All office, clinic, emergency room visits and hospitalizations related to COVID-19 are included in this coverage. This coverage is free.

Who is eligible?

You must be a California resident to be eligible for this coverage. However, there is no income limit or immigration status requirement for this program. You must also fall into one of the following two categories:

1. You have no health insurance, or
2. You have health insurance, but the health insurance does not cover diagnostic testing, testing-related services, treatment services related to COVID-19 at no cost to you.

Note: If you have Medi-Cal with a share of cost, you can still apply for the COVID-19 Uninsured Group Program if you have not met your share of cost obligation for the application month.

How long is coverage available?

Coverage starts on the date of application until the last calendar day of the 12th month from your application, or when the public health emergency ends, whichever date is sooner. Coverage is also available retroactively to April 8, 2020. This means that if you have received a COVID-19 related bill from April 8 or later, you can ask to be enrolled in this program. If your COVID-19 bills are from before April 8, you should still contact the Health Consumer Alliance (HCA) at 888-804-3536 for help.

Is this program subject to public charge?

No. This program *does not* count under the public charge rule. The federal government says the public charge rule does not apply to medical tests and services related to COVID-19. However, if you have a Social Security Number, you will need to include it in your application. Your citizenship and immigration status will be verified, but this is *not* a condition of eligibility for the coverage.

How do I enroll? You can apply for this program through your nearest qualified Medi-Cal provider. To find the nearest qualified provider, call the Medi-Cal Nurse Line at (877) 409-9052. This number is staffed 24/7. Translation services are available. You can also search online for providers [here](#).

Do you need help? If you are experiencing problems with applying for the COVID-19 Uninsured Group program or you have medical bills for COVID-19 testing and treatment, contact your local Health Consumer Alliance partner.