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Full-Scope Medi-Cal Enrollment Freeze for Undocumented Adults



Some immigrants applying for coverage **cannot qualify** for full-scope Medi-Cal. Immigrants already enrolled in full-scope Medi-Cal can **keep their coverage**.

These changes started on **January 1, 2026**.

Who Is Impacted: Only adults (age 19+) who do not have documented immigration status and who are not claiming to be Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL). These immigrant adults will:

- Not qualify for full-scope Medi-Cal when they apply. They are only eligible for restricted (or "emergency") Medi-Cal.
- Undocumented adults keep their full-scope Medi-Cal if they were enrolled before January 1, 2026. Sometimes this is called the "frozen group." They must continue to qualify during renewals.

Many immigrants can continue to qualify for Full-Scope Medi-Cal:

- LPRs (green card holders), refugees, asylees, VAWA, U and T visa applicants & holders, DACA recipients, immigrants claiming PRUCOL, and many more!
- All youth under age 19
- All Foster Youth & Former Foster Youth under age 26
- All pregnant people, including the 12-month post-pregnancy period

Full-Scope and Restricted-Scope (Emergency) Medi-Cal Are Different:

Full-Scope Medi-Cal	Emergency Medi-Cal	
Covers all medically necessary services, including:	NOT covered:	Covered:
✔ Preventive care	✘ Preventive care	✔ Pregnancy care
✔ Doctors and hospital visits	✘ Regular doctor visits	✔ Emergency care
✔ Mental health care	✘ Most other services	✔ Dialysis
✔ Dental		✔ Long-term care
✔ Prescription drugs		
✔ Long-term care		
✔ and more!		

Tips to Keep Full-Scope Medi-Cal Coverage:

Update your immigration status with the county Medi-Cal office. Use Medi-Cal Form MC-13 to report PRUCOL status, if it applies to you.

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After you update or confirm your immigration status, check if this change applies to you. Visit Medi-Cal's Immigration Status chart (or scan the QR Code below) to see if this change applies to you. There are many Medi-Cal changes happening at the same time and it is important to know which ones apply to you.

It is very important that undocumented adults with full-scope Medi-Cal stay enrolled.

- Renew your Medi-Cal coverage when it's your turn!
- Undocumented adults who lose full-scope Medi-Cal have **only three months** to fix their enrollment to keep their coverage. If you miss this deadline, you will only eligible for restricted Medi-Cal.
- Sign up for text and email reminders by visiting www.BenefitsCal.com.

Contact your county Medi-Cal office as soon as possible to resolve issues with your renewal. Find your local county office: www.dhcs.ca.gov/COL or by **scanning** the QR below.

More questions? Since policies impacting Medi-Cal and immigrants may continue to change, please contact the **Health Consumer Alliance (HCA)** to see if you are eligible for free and confidential information about Medi-Cal enrollment for immigrants.

For the HCA program in your area, call HCA's statewide toll-free number at **1-888-804-3536** or go online to **www.HealthConsumer.org**, **Scan the QR Code** to see DHCS' Medi-Cal Immigration Status chart.