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<u>Afghan Humanitarian Parole (AHP) between 7/31/2021- 9/30/2023</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> 12 months from entry	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u> after SSI expires ⁴	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>Afghan Humanitarian Parole (AHP) unmarried child under 21 and spouses paroled after 10/1/2023.</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> 12 months from entry	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u> after SSI expires	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>Afghan Humanitarian Parole (AHP) paroled after 10/1/2023</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA ⁵	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u> Under HBIS ⁶	<u>YES</u>

¹ RSDI: Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance a work history of sufficient duration to be able to receive benefits is required.

² This assumes the individual has sufficient qualifying work credits where Social Security taxes have been paid. Medicare is available at 65 if sufficient work history exists. Enrolled prior to 65 if receiving Social Security disability for 2 years or diagnosed with ESRD or ALS. If insufficient work history to receive Part A coverage premium free, a person who is 65 can elect to enroll if willing to pay a Part A premium.

³ Must also be 65+, Disabled or Blind have low income and limited assets.

⁴ SSI for qualified non-citizens expire after 7 years.

⁵ Enrollment in Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA) program is paused until further notice.

⁶ Enrollment in Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS) program is paused until further notice.

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<u>Amerasian From Vietnam</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> 12 months from entry	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u> after SSI expires	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>American Indian Born In Canada</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> as repatriate	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>Asylum Applicant</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES⁷</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<u>Asylee</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> applies even after status adjusts to LPR	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> applies even after adjusts to LPR	<u>YES</u> 12 months from entry	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	NO	<u>YES</u> after SSI expires	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>Citizen by Birth or Naturalization</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> as repatriate	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>

⁷ Illinois resident who have an application for asylum pending before BCIS (or an appeal) and who is receiving federally funded treatment services for torture victims may be eligible for Medicaid coverage.

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<u>Cuban Haitian Entrant</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u> after SSI expires	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals (DACA)</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>YES</u> if pregnant	N/A	N/A	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u> Under HBIS	<u>NO</u>
<u>Deportation Is Being Withheld Under Section 243(H) prior to 04/97 or Section 241(B)(3) after 04/97 of the INA</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> 12 months from entry	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>Hmong or Highland Laotian</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>Iraqi Or Afghan Special Immigrants Granted Immigrant Status Under Section 101(A)(27)</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> 12 months from entry	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>

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<u>LPR In U.S. At Least 5 Years And Admission After 8/22/96</u>	<u>YES</u> must also have at least 40 work credits/children who lost parents	<u>YES</u> must also have at least 40 work credits	<u>YES</u> must also have at least 40 work credits	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
LPR in U.S. before <u>08/22/96</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>LPR adult in U.S. under 5 years and does not have 40 work quarters</u>	<u>YES</u> whose parents have passed away can be recipients	<u>NO</u> YES, if Refugee or asylee and adjusted to LPR	<u>NO</u>	NO (adult) TANF can be issued to U.S citizen children	NO ⁸ (adult) SNAP can be issued to U.S. citizen children	N/A	N/A	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>YES</u> if pregnant	N/A	<u>NO</u> <u>YES</u> if entry status was exempt from 5 year rule	<u>YES</u> Under HBIS & ESRD ⁹ <u>YES</u> if entry status was exempt from 5 year rule	<u>YES</u>

⁸ ONLY if on SSI before 8/22/96 must have 5 years residence and 40 credits OR living in U.S. on 8/22/96 and became disabled after that date.

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<u>LPR (adult) in U.S. under 5 years and has 40 work quarters</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	NO (adult) TANF can be issued to U.S. citizen children	<u>YES</u>	N/A	N/A	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u> Under HBIS	<u>YES</u>
LPR (child) in U.S. under 5 years	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	N/A	N/A	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>Minor Victim of trafficking with an HHS Eligibility Letter</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	N/A	<u>YES</u> if pregnant	N/A	N/A	N/A	<u>YES</u>
<u>Person Granted Conditional Entry (Prior To 4/1/80) and Certain Parolees (Prior To 8/22/96)</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u> after SSI expires	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>Refugee</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> 12 months from entry	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u> after SSI expires	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>Trafficking Victim Continued Presence</u>	NO	<u>YES</u>	NO	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>

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<u>Trafficking Victim T-Visa</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> must have valid T-Visa	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> available only for 8 months from when identified by ORR	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> while filing T-Visa application	<u>YES</u> after SSI expires	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
T-Visa applicant	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
<u>Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole (UHP) between 2/24/2022 – 9/30/2023</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> 12 months from entry	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u> after SSI expires	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> ...
<u>Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole (UHP) unmarried child under 21 and spouses after 10/1/2023</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> 12 months from entry	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u> after SSI expires	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> ...

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<u>Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole (UHP) after 10/1/2023 (not covered under AUSAA)</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES¹⁰</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u> Under HBIS	<u>YES</u> ...
<u>U-Visa Crime Victim</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u> if pregnant	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u> Under HBIS	<u>YES</u>
U-Visa Applicant	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> only ages 42-64 under HBIA	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u> Under HBIS	<u>NO</u>
<u>U.S. Veteran, or Active Duty Spouses and unmarried dependents (LPR: 5 year wait rule does not apply to the veteran or dependents).</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u> if discharge is other than dishonorable and not due to alien status	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>

¹⁰ Ukrainians and Non-Ukrainians that enter the U.S from Ukraine may qualify for cash and food assistance under the VTTC program if they are not eligible for assistance under the AUSAA.

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<u>VAWA abused noncitizen adult or child</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>Limited Eligibility¹¹</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>Limited Eligibility¹²</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	NO	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Non-citizens who do not meet one of the above criteria*	<u>NO based on work history</u> <u>Maybe YES for dependent or survivors benefits</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO TANF can be issued to the U.S. citizen child</u>	<u>NO</u>	N/A	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO YES if received ER care for life threatening health crisis ages 42-64 under HBIA</u>	<u>NO YES if received ER care for life threatening health crisis 42-64 under HBIA</u>	<u>YES</u>		<u>NO</u>	<u>NO unless ESRD¹³ and under HBIS</u>	<u>NO</u>

* "Non-citizens who do not meet one of the above criteria" **includes TPS holders.**

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¹² To be eligible must be under 18, or veteran, or disabled or blind, or LPR with 40 work credits.

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*Illinois has a number of special health coverage programs for immigrants who do not have a qualifying immigrant status who meet income guidelines. These programs include:

- [Health Benefits for Immigrants Seniors Age 65+ \(HBIS\)](#) ([temporarily paused effective July 1st, 2023](#))
- [Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults Age 42-64 \(HBIA\)](#) ([temporarily paused effective Nov 7th, 2023](#))
- [Emergency Medicaid for Non-Citizens \(including End Stage Renal Disease\)](#)
- [Moms and Babies](#)
- [All Kids Assist](#)
- [VTTC: Victims of Trafficking, Torture and other serious Crimes-](#)

❖ Additional Benefits Available for Immigrants throughout Illinois and DuPage County

Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults

***As of July 1, 2023, new enrollment into the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults program is temporarily paused.** The Department intends to re-open program enrollment to eligible individuals as soon as possible. This change does not affect current enrollees: if you are already enrolled in the program and you continue to meet all of the eligibility requirements, you will keep your health care coverage.

Eligibility

You may be eligible for this program if you meet all 4 requirements:

1. You are at least 42 years old and not over age 64.
2. You are one of the following:
 - a) A lawful permanent resident (LPR) for less than five years (also known as having a green card), or
 - b) An undocumented immigrant (including individuals in a Temporary Protected Status)
3. You are a resident of Illinois.
4. Your 2022 annual household income is at or below \$18,754 for one person; at or below \$25,268 combined income for a household size of two. The income limit differs depending on the number of household members.

Covered Benefits

The new medical program offers a full benefit package with \$0 premiums and \$0 co-payments. Covered services include:

- Doctor and hospital care
- Lab tests
- Rehabilitative services such as physical and occupational therapy
- Home health, mental health and substance use disorder services
- Dental and vision services
- Prescription drugs
- Long Term Care Services are not be covered. This includes nursing facility services and home or community-based services as an alternative to facility services.
- The program may cover prior health care up to 3 months before you apply.

Public Charge

If you have questions about how enrollment in this program would affect current or future requests to change your immigration status, please email Protecting Immigrant Families at pifillinois@povertylaw.org, or call the Immigrant Family Resource Program at 1-855-437-7669. They will help you find an organization to answer your questions.

How to Apply

You can apply for these new benefits by any of the following methods:

- Apply online - at www.ABE.illinois.gov.
- Apply by phone - call the ABE Customer Call Center at 1-800-843-6154.
- Contact an [Application Assistor](#) for help in applying
- Contact a [Community Service Agency](#) for help in applying in 59 languages.
- Apply by mail – use the on-line [Paper Application](#) or ask the ABE Customer Call Center (1-800-843-6154) to request a paper application.

Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors

***The Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors program enrollment for eligible individuals aged 65 and up is temporarily paused as of November 6, 2023.** Anyone who is already enrolled in and remains eligible for coverage through the HBIS program will continue to be covered.

Eligibility

You may be eligible for this program if you meet all 4 requirements:

1. You are 65 years old or older
2. You are an Illinois resident
3. You are one of the following:
 - a) A lawful permanent resident (LPR) for less than five years (also known as having a green card), or
 - b) An undocumented immigrant (including individuals in a Temporary Protected Status)
4. You are an individual with 2022 annual income at or below \$13,590 or a couple with annual income at or below \$18,310*
5. An individual with assets below \$2,000, or, a couple with assets under \$3,000* (currently waived for COVID-19)**

* Program can also use your medical bills to reduce your countable income or assets. This may make you eligible.

** Program won't count certain assets like a home or a car.

Covered Benefits

As of July 1, 2023, health care providers may collect co-payments and cost sharing on some nonemergency hospital and ambulatory treatment center outpatient services covered under the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA) and Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS) programs. Co-payments and cost sharing are what you pay out of your own pocket for a covered health care service. Co-payments and cost sharing can only be charged on these services:

- Nonemergency inpatient hospitalizations: Up to \$250 co-payment.
- Nonemergency hospital emergency room visits: Up to \$100 copay.
- Nonemergency Hospital or Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Outpatient Services: Up to 10% of the Medicaid payment. The amount you can be charged will vary depending on the service. Based on what Medicaid pays today, the amount may range from \$3.70 to \$202.95. Your provider can tell you if they will charge cost sharing and what the amount will be prior to providing the service.

Most services covered by the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults program will continue to be free to you.

- Doctor and hospital care
- Lab tests
- Rehabilitative services such as physical and occupational therapy
- Home health, mental health and substance use disorder services
- Dental and vision services
- Prescription drugs

Long Term Care Services will not be covered. This includes nursing facility services and home or community-based services as an alternative to facility services. The program may cover prior health care up to 3 months before you apply.

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- (1-800-843-6154) to request a paper application.

Access DuPage

Access DuPage is a free program to help eligible residents of DuPage receive low-cost primary health care services, as well as some other medical assistance.

Their mission is to provide affordable health services to DuPage County residents, regardless of income. Access DuPage is not an insurance program, nor is it a substitute for health insurance. Access DuPage is a collaborative effort by thousands of individuals and hundreds of organizations in DuPage County to provide access to affordable health services to the county's low-income, medically uninsured residents. Since the program began in 2001, more than 60,000 of our DuPage County neighbors have received high quality, compassionate healthcare through Access DuPage. This year, Access DuPage will serve 5,000+ members.

If you don't have health insurance and meet the eligibility criteria, Access DuPage will provide you with a "medical home" where you can receive primary care services for a small cost until you become eligible for insurance.

Eligibility

To qualify, you must meet these guidelines:

- Permanent DuPage County resident. This means that you live or intend to live in DuPage County year-round.
- Over the age of 18.
 - If you are 18 years old or younger, you can apply for AllKids health insurance. See the resources page for more information.
- Live at or below 250% of the current federal poverty line guidelines. See maximum income guidelines on this page.

- Not be eligible for other health insurance. Eligibility for other health care programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, ACA health insurance, expensive employer-sponsored insurance, student health services, COBRA, SSI, Family Care, Veterans Benefits, etc. will result in ineligibility for Access DuPage.

How to Apply

If you qualify and wish to enroll in the program, call (630) 530-8370 and speak with Karina, or find the intake site closest to you.

If you are not sure if you're eligible for the Access DuPage program, please call their office at (630) 530-8370 for a screening, or visit their resources page to learn about other health care resources that may be available to you.

Additional information: [Health Services for Uninsured and Limited Income Flyer](#)

In addition to public benefits that provide healthcare insurance to immigrants there is **The Illinois Association of Free & Charitable Clinics** that serves free and charitable clinics, to enhance their ability to care for uninsured and underinsured populations in Illinois. They serve organizations that have a stake in the success of free and charitable clinics. Through the efforts of the IAFCC and Julie Darnell at University of Illinois at Chicago, approximately 46 free and charitable clinics have been identified in Illinois. These clinics are distributed across Chicago, suburban and rural Illinois. Free and charitable clinics are primarily operated by volunteer, licensed health care professionals and other volunteers that perform a variety of clerical and administrative tasks. IAFCC serves clinics by providing a unified voice; developing major projects that enhance clinic services and revenues; fostering partnerships; and advising clinics especially regarding their ability to navigate health reform.

Select this link to find a clinic near you: [Clinic Directory](#)

General Information for Non-Citizens Applying for Public Benefits

- Public Charge may be a factor when a non-citizen applies for Public Benefits. It is important to understand that the Public Charge rule only applies to immigrants seeking to enter the United States, immigrants adjusting their status to Lawful Permanent Resident (applying for a 'green card'), or Lawful Permanent Residents (aka, green card holders) who are re-entering the U.S. after being out of the country for more than 180 days. There are many immigration statuses not subject to public charge.
 - For updated information on this Final Rule, visit this link [Protecting Immigrant Families Community Education Resources](#).
 - **Sponsor Liability:** some immigrants have sponsors who assist with the person's entry into the U.S. In some cases, a sponsor's income and resources may be "deemed" to the non-citizen to help meet the non-citizen's needs before public benefits can be issued. Sponsor deeming currently applies to the following programs:
 - [Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\)](#)
 - [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\)](#)
 - [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#)
 - [Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled \(AABD\) Cash](#)
 - In addition, the federal, state or local agency has to verify the person's status with USCIS through a data system called SAVE: Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program. Non-citizens with lawful status must provide USCIS documents that have the person's Alien Registration A-Number or USCIS number as proof of status. Caseworkers are to check the immigration status of only those persons applying for benefits.
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Programs where citizenship or immigrant status is not a factor

(this is not an all-inclusive list) - WIC; Emergency Disaster Relief; Disaster SNAP benefits; School Lunch Program; Public Health Services (including testing for communicable diseases and immunizations); Head Start; and more.

Emergency Medical for Non-Citizens

Persons age 19 and older who are not YES for medical benefits because they do not meet citizenship/immigration requirements, may be able to receive medical help through the state for emergencies. The person has to meet all the program requirements for FamilyCare Assist, All Kids Assist, Moms and Babies, ACA Adult Medical or AABD Medical, except for a Social Security Number and verification of immigration status. People who meet these requirements are only able to obtain short-term medical coverage for emergency care.

Victims of Trafficking Torture, or serious Crimes (VTTC)

Effective 01/01/18, foreign-born victims of trafficking, torture or other serious crimes and his or her derivative family members are eligible for medical, cash and/or food assistance if he or she has filed, or is preparing to file, an application for a T-Visa, U-Visa, or asylum, and is otherwise eligible for the benefits. The state has issued a policy manual release for medical benefits eligibility ([MR #17.19](#)) and a separate policy memo for Cash and Food Assistance.

Common Documents that Verify Citizenship Status:

- Alien Registration Receipt Card (AR-3A, I-151, or I-551)*
- Conditional Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-551)*
- Memorandum of Creation of Record of Lawful Permanent Residence (I- 181a)
- Fee Receipt (including I-689A)*
- Employment Authorization Card (I-688A, I-688B, or I-766)*
- Temporary Resident Card (I-688)*
- Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) (may not contain A-Number)*
- Re-Entry Permit (I-327)*
- I-797 Notice of Action
- Refugee Travel Document (I-571)*
- A foreign passport, when it contains an I-94 bearing the message "Processed for I-551, Temporary Evidence of Lawful Permanent Residence." If there is a code S13; or code S13 in a Canadian passport or on an I-94 this verifies an American Indian born in Canada.

Other sources see state manual sections [WAG 03-01-02](#) and [WAG 03- 01-03](#)

Samples of common immigration forms can be obtained at <https://www.healthcare.gov/help/immigration-document-types/> this is also a great site for information and resources as you work with non-citizens.

USDA has published [SNAP: Guidance on Non-Citizen SNAP Eligibility](#). This book provides valuable information as well as information about some of the types of documentation required.

Forty Qualifying Quarters

LPRs may qualify for SSI and SNAP benefits if they can be credited with 40 qualifying quarters of work. If the LPR received means tested public benefits after Dec. 31, 1996, then any quarter where the benefit was received will not be counted. (Federal means tested benefits are: TANF; SNAP; Medicaid and All Kids and SSI.)

An LPR can receive credit for work quarters in multiple ways:

1. Quarters worked by a parent (natural, step, adoptive) while the LPR was under age 18 (even if the child did not live in the U.S. during this time)
2. Quarters worked by the LPRs spouse during their marriage if the LPR is still married to the spouse or if the spouse is deceased

Social Security determines if a person's wage history can be used to meet a qualifying quarter for all benefit programs and certifies if the earnings can count towards a qualifying quarter

The U.S. has 60 different types of visas. Below is a list of the types of visas that are usually authorized for employment. Information on immigration status and Social Security benefits is also available at <https://www.ssa.gov/ssnvisa/> and <https://www.ssa.gov/people/immigrants/>

Classifications that Receive Work Authorization

Visa Classification	Definition
E-1, E-2	Treaty trader or Treaty investor
F-1	Foreign academic student, when certain conditions are met
H-1B, H-1C, H-2A, H-2B, H-3	Temporary worker
I	Foreign information media representative
J-1	Exchange visitor, when certain conditions are met
K-1	Fiancé of a U.S. citizen
L-1	Intra-company transferee
M-1	Foreign vocational student
O-1, O-2	Temporary worker in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics
P-1, P-2, P-3	Temporary worker in the arts, athletics in an exchange or cultural program
Q-1, Q-2	Cultural exchange visitor
R-1	Temporary religious worker with a nonprofit organization
T	Victims of Human Trafficking: T Nonimmigrant status

TC	Professional business worker admitted under U.S.- Canada Free Trade Act (NAFTA)
TN	Professional business worker admitted under NAFTA
U	Victims of Criminal Activity: U Nonimmigrant status
None	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA/DREAMer) I-797 Notice of Action Issues

References and Resources

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)

- ABE <http://www.abe.illinois.gov/>
- Action Memo: AABD Cash for Refugees and Other Noncitizens Ineligible for SSI Due to Federal Time Limit <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=51413>
- Cash and Food Assistance for Non-Citizen Victims of Trafficking, Torture, or Other Serious Crimes (VTTC) – Clarification <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=149140>
- Cash and Food Assistance for Non-Citizen Victims of Trafficking, Torture, or Other Serious Crimes (VTTC) <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=102017>
- Cash <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29719>
- Emergency Medical Coverage for Noncitizens <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=19608>
- Food, Programs/Services <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29721>
- Handling Applications for Afghanistan Parolees <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=137993>
- Handling Applications for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=144563>
- Health & Medical <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29722>
- IDHS <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx>
- MR #17.19: Medical Benefits for Non-Citizen Victims of Trafficking, Torture or Other Serious Crimes <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=97367>
- PM 03-01-02: Meeting Citizen/INS Status (All Programs Except SNAP) <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13098>
- PM 03-01-02: Meeting Citizen/INS Status (All Programs Except SNAP) <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13098>
- PM 03-01-02-a: U.S. Citizen <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13100>
- PM 03-01-02-a: U.S. Citizen <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13100>
- PM 03-01-02-c: U.S. Veterans, Active Military Service, and Dependents <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13105>
- PM 03-01-02-d: Refugee/Asylee/Cuban-Haitian/ Amerasian/ Equivalent Status <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13175>
- PM 03-01-02-d: Refugee/Asylee/Cuban-Haitian/ Amerasian/ Equivalent Status <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13175>
- PM 03-01-02-e: Hmong or Highland Laotian Tribe Members <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13179>
- PM 03-01-02-e: Hmong or Highland Laotian Tribe Members <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13179>
- PM 03-01-02-f: Persons Granted Conditional Entry and Certain Parolees <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13181>
- PM 03-01-02-g: Person Lawfully Admitted for Permanent Residence <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13183>

- PM 03-01-02-i: Abused Noncitizen Spouses, their Children and Parents <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13186>
- PM 03-01-02-j: Noncitizen Children who are Lawfully Present in the U.S. - All Kids <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13188>
- PM 03-01-02-k: Other Noncitizen Children (All Kids) <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=23732>
- PM 03-01-02-k: Other Noncitizen Children (All Kids) <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=23732>
- PM 03-01-03: Meeting Citizen/INS Status (SNAP) <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13197>
- PM 03-01-03-a: U.S. Citizen <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13199>
- PM 03-01-03-c: Refugee/Asylee/Cuban-Haitian/ Amerasian/Victims of Trafficking/Equivalent Status <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13203>
- PM 03-01-03-c: Refugee/Asylee/Cuban-Haitian/ Amerasian/Victims of Trafficking/Equivalent Status <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13203>
- PM 03-01-03-d: Hmong or Highland Laotian Tribe Members <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13206>
- PM 03-01-03-e: Noncitizen Who Lived in the U.S. for 5 Years <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13211>
- PM 03-01-03-f: Noncitizen Who Has Not Lived in the U.S. for 5 Years <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13212>
- PM 03-01-03-f: Noncitizen Who Has Not Lived in the U.S. for 5 Years <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13212>
- PM 03-01-04: Other Non-Citizens (Medical) <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13216>
- PM 04-01-02-a: Exceptions to the Filing Unit <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13484>
- PM 06-01-00: Refugee Resettlement Program (Cash) <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13721>
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- PM 06-01-01: Eligible Persons <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13724>
- PM 06-01-11: Maximum Eligibility Period <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13772>
- PM 06-02-00: Repatriate Program <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13780>
- PM 06-05-00: Emergency Medical for Noncitizens Who Do Not Meet the Federal Qualifying Medicaid Criteria <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13824>
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- PM 06-09-02: Who is Eligible <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=14016>
- PM 06-09-02: Who is Eligible <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=14016>
- PM 06-21-00: Medical Benefits for Asylum Applicants and Torture Victims <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=35285>
- PM 06-30-00: Medical Benefits for Non-Citizen Victims of Trafficking, Torture and Other Serious Crimes <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=98253>
- PM 09-01-00: Sponsors of Noncitizens (Cash, SNAP) <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=15698>

- PM 11-01-00: AABD Cash Assistance Standard <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=15910>
- PM 11-04-00: Noncitizens Ineligible for SSI Due to 7-Year Limit <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=16049>
- PM I-03-00: Medical Programs <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=12277>
- Special Immigrants <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/special-immigrants>
- WAG 03-01-02: Meeting Citizen/USCIS Status (All Programs Except SNAP) <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13099>
- WAG 03-01-02-b: Certain American Indians Born in Canada <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13103>
- WAG 03-01-02-c: U.S. Veterans, Active Military Service, and Dependents <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13106>
- WAG 03-01-02-d: Refugee/Asylee/Cuban-Haitian/ Amerasian/ Equivalent Status <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13176>
- WAG 03-01-03: Meeting Citizen/INS Status (FS) <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13198>
- WAG 03-01-03-b: Certain American Indians Born in Canada <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13202>
- WAG 03-01-03-c: Refugee/Asylee/Cuban-Haitian/ Amerasian/Victims of Trafficking/Equivalent Status <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13204>
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- Eligibility for Child Victims of Human Trafficking <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/fact-sheet/resource/eligibility>
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- SI 00502.100 Basic SSI Alien Eligibility Requirements <https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0500502100>
- SI 00502.135 LAPR with 40 Qualifying Quarters of Earnings <https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0500502135>
- Social Security Numbers and Immigrant Visas – Information <https://www.ssa.gov/ssnvisa/>
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- When are child's insurance benefit NOT payable? https://ssa.gov/OP_Home/handbook/handbook.04/handbook-0413.html

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- Moms and Babies <https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalprograms/allkids/momsandbabies.html>

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- Information for Afghan Nationals on Requests to USCIS for Parole <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/humanitarian-parole/information-for-afghan-nationals-on-requests-to-uscis-for-parole>
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