Full-Scope Medi-Cal for Adults 50+

Starting May 1, 2022, a new California law allows all eligible Californians 50 years of age or older to get free full-scope Medi-Cal regardless of immigration status! People can qualify for full-scope Medi-Cal if they are undocumented.

Does the California government provide Medi-Cal?

Yes. Medi-Cal is a state health care program overseen by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for people with low incomes.

How do I apply for Medi-Cal?

☑️ Step 1: Check if you qualify with your income.

To qualify in 2022, annual income should be less than:

- A single person: $18,755
- Family of two: $25,268
- Family of three: $31,782
- Family of four: $38,295

If your family is larger, find the income limit at www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/DoYouQualifyForMedi-Cal.aspx

☑️ Step 2. Call 1(800)300-1506 or go online to Covered California™ at www.CoveredCA.com. Covered California™ works in partnership with the California Department of Health Care Services. The website and phone assistance are available in languages other than English.

Or go in-person to your local county office. Find the address here: dhcs.ca.gov/COL

☑️ Step 3: If you need help, contact the Health Consumer Alliance.

Call 1(888)804-3536 or visit healthconsumer.org. They can answer questions or help with your application.

Will Medi-Cal harm my immigration status?

No. Using Medi-Cal (except for long-term care) will not hurt your immigration status. The U.S. federal government does not consider Medi-Cal in a public charge determination for many immigrants.

What health care can I get with full-scope Medi-Cal?

Dental, vision (eye) care, preventative health care and annual check-ups, referrals to specialists, mental health care, substance use disorder services, prescription drugs and medical supplies, transportation, in-home personal assistance, foot care, hearing aids, long-term care and more!

Will I have to pay anything?

For many individuals and families, there is no premium, no co-payment, and no out of pocket cost. Some households will see affordable costs, such as a low monthly premium.