

# New Starting January 2024! Full-Scope Medi-Cal for You and Your Family, Regardless of Immigration Status

A new California law allows all eligible people to get free or low-cost full-scope Medi-Cal starting January 2024. Your immigration status and age do not matter. You can qualify if you have a low income and are undocumented.



## The California government provides Medi-Cal.

Medi-Cal is a free or low-cost state health care program for people with low incomes. California wants to ensure everyone with a low income has health care, regardless of immigration status.

## Applying for or using full-scope Medi-Cal will not affect your immigration status.

Full-scope Medi-Cal will not hurt your chances (or a family member's chances) of getting a green card unless you are hospitalized in a nursing home or mental institution for a long time.

For more information in Chinese:  
<https://keepyourbenefits.org/cn/ca/>

## How does Medi-Cal benefit me and my family?

Medi-Cal can help you and your family get and stay healthy. It can also cover your health care in an emergency. Medi-Cal pays for your healthcare and can help protect you and your family from expensive bills and bankruptcy.



## What services can I get?

Medi-Cal offers preventive health care, annual check-ups, dental and vision (eye) care, referrals to specialists, prescription drugs, mental health care, substance abuse services, emergency care, transportation, long-term care, hearing aids and more.

## What do I need to enroll?

- Driver's license or photo ID (can include passport, school ID, marriage record, work badge, or identification issued from the government of your home country).
- Proof of income (Current pay stub or bank statement is best. If you have neither, you can describe your income to the eligibility worker.)
- Proof of where you live (can include a telephone or electric bill).

## Do I qualify and will I have to pay?

Full-scope Medi-Cal is free or low cost. For those who have to pay monthly, the amount is low. There are no other hidden fees.

Each person's situation is different. For example, families with children can qualify at higher incomes than single people. For more information on your specific situation, use one of the methods below starting in January 2024.

## How do I apply?

Applying is easy and free.

- **Call Covered California's Mandarin hotline: (800) 300-1533**  
Covered California works with the government of California to help people enroll in Medi-Cal.
- **Or go to your local county office**  
Find the address here: [dhcs.ca.gov/COL](https://dhcs.ca.gov/COL)
- **Or go to BenefitsCal.com**  
Choose Chinese from the language drop down box.

