

# HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

## Lawfully Present Residents

- **Free or Low-Cost Health Insurance.** Lawfully-present immigrants living in California are eligible for Medi-Cal or Covered CA and may be fined for not having insurance.

*You are considered lawfully-present if you have a green card, naturalization papers or were given permission by The Department for Homeland Security to live and work in the U.S., including, refugees, asylees, etc.*

- **Financial assistance.** Lawfully-present immigrants may also be eligible for financial assistance to reduce the cost of their health insurance plan through Covered CA.
- **Residency is not affected.** The information on a health insurance application is confidential and can only be used to confirm eligibility for those who are requesting coverage. Applying for insurance does not affect residency or citizenship application.
- **Sponsors are safe.** In California, the Medi-Cal program does not ask about an individual's sponsor, nor is the sponsor held financially responsible for any costs associated.

## Individuals Without Documents

- **Undocumented Kids.** A new law passed in May 2016 that allows ALL children, regardless of immigration status, to qualify for full-scope Medi-Cal, as long as the family meets the income requirements and is a San Diego County resident.
- **Adults are eligible for some programs** including limited scope Medi-Cal for emergencies or pregnancy, as well as other free or discount programs.
- **DACA Recipients (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) -** If an individual has been awarded DACA they may qualify for full scope Medi-Cal. For more information on how to apply for Deferred Action: [www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca](http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca)
- **Will not be fined.** Individuals without documents are ineligible for health insurance therefore, they will not be fined. However, those with dependants who are eligible for health insurance but are not enrolled, may be fined.
- **Information is CONFIDENTIAL.** Regardless of immigration status, parents are encouraged to apply for their children or dependents. Information will not share with immigration enforcement agencies



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY, CALL:

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