

Medi-Cal

Can My Undocumented Client Receive Medi-Cal?

Under the law, some immigrants are eligible for full scope Medi-Cal, while others may be eligible for a limited set of Medi-Cal benefits.

Full-scope Medi-Cal is currently available to Lawful Permanent Residents (green card holders), refugees, and immigrants granted asylum. Medi-Cal is also available to pregnant immigrants for a short term basis.

In some states and counties, immigrants can also gain full-scope Medi-Cal if they have PRUCOL (Permanently Residing Under Color of Law) status. PRUCOL refers to those people who:

1. Are not "qualified aliens" and
2. Intend to reside indefinitely in the U.S. and
3. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services or USCIS (formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service or INS) knows are residing in the U.S. and is not taking steps to enforce their departure.

For specific questions regarding public charge or other immigration issues, you may contact the Health Consumer Center of Los Angeles at (800) 896-3203.