

Important Changes to Medicaid for Non-Citizens

A new federal law will change who can get Medicaid starting **October 1, 2026**. Some people who are not U.S. citizens will lose Medicaid coverage because of this change.



? Who can still get Medicaid?

- Lawful Permanent Residents (Green Card holders) after the 5-year wait, if it applies
- Cuban/Haitian entrants
- COFA migrants (from Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, or Palau)
- Children under 19
- Pregnant or post-partum people

↓ Example of Accepted Green Card



✉ How will I know if this change will affect my Medicaid?

Open any notices you get from the State of Rhode Island.

If your Medicaid will end because of this new federal law, the State of Rhode Island will tell you before the change happens. You will get a notice:

- In your HealthyRhode account
- And by mail, if you choose paper notices

If you don't respond, or are no longer eligible because of your immigration status, you will get another notice.

The notice will include:

- Other ways you can get healthcare
- Information on how to appeal if you think the decision is wrong

🗣 What should I do?

Update your account. If your immigration status has recently changed and you are now in one of the groups listed above who will still qualify, update your HealthyRhode account right away so your Medicaid can continue. You should also make sure Medicaid has your contact information, so you don't miss important news about your coverage. Log in to your account at healthyrhode.ri.gov or download the HealthyRhode mobile app.

🏠 If I lose my Medicaid, can I get health insurance another way?

You can still buy a health insurance plan for you or your family, but you may not be able to get financial help because of federal changes.

- Look at your options and apply at HealthSourceRI.com or call 1-855-840-4774.
- You can also explore health insurance options through your job or a parent or spouse's job, and you may find you are able to purchase coverage directly through an insurance carrier like Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island or Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island.

🏥 If I lose my Medicaid, how can I get health-care?

There are places you can go to get healthcare no matter your insurance or immigration status.

- **Community Health Centers in Rhode Island:** rihca.org
- **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics:** bhddh.ri.gov/CCBHC
- **Rhode Island Free Clinic:** rifreeclinic.org
- **Clinica Esperanza:** apacetobehealthy.org

Local hospitals are required by law to give medical care for serious or life-threatening problems, no matter your insurance or immigration status.