Medicaid for the Treatment of an Emergency Medical Condition ("Emergency Medicaid")

Medicaid for the Treatment of an Emergency Medical Condition, also called Emergency Medicaid, helps eligible, undocumented and temporary immigrant New Yorkers pay for medical costs when they have an emergency.*

Do I qualify for Emergency Medicaid?

You may qualify for Emergency Medicaid if you meet the eligibility requirements for full Medicaid but do not qualify due to your immigration status.

To qualify, you must:

+ Meet income requirements (have low-income).
+ Be a NYS resident (temporary lawful residents do not have to meet the State residency requirement).
+ All hospitals must treat you if you have a medical emergency, regardless of your ability to pay.

HOW TO APPLY

+ You can sign up any time to be pre-approved in case you have a future emergency. If you enroll in advance, you will be approved for the costs of future emergencies for 12 months.

+ If you are under 65, you can enroll online. Visit the NY State of Health at nystateofhealth.gov, or call 1-855-355-5777.

+ Most people who are 65 or older, or who have a disability will need to complete a different application. For help enrolling, call 347-396-4705.

+ You can also sign up at a hospital during or after an emergency. You have to sign up within three months of the emergency treatment to be covered for the costs.

Not sure if you qualify?
No problem – you can apply at any time to find out. It's easier than ever to find out about your coverage options! Call 311 for more information.

APPLYING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS

Applying for or getting Emergency Medicaid or full Medicaid will NOT affect a person's ability to apply for legal status and is NOT reported to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

*Lawfully present immigrants and temporary immigrant residents may qualify for full Medicaid or the Essential Plan. Both also cover non-emergency care.

WILL EMERGENCY MEDICAID COVER ALL OF MY HEALTH COSTS?

No. Emergency Medicaid will provide medical payment for care and services only if you need immediate medical attention for a serious health issue. Serious health issues include conditions like a heart attack or severe pain that could lead to a dangerous health outcome without medical help. Emergency Medicaid also covers costs related to kidney dialysis and emergency labor and delivery. Medications that are necessary in an emergency and some prescription drugs for cancer treatment are also covered.

WHAT IF I'M UNINSURED AND NEED TO GO TO THE DOCTOR?

If you don't have health insurance and you need care, you can still get it in NYC. The City's public hospital system (NYC Health + Hospitals) and community health centers offer medical care on a reduced-fee basis, depending on your income. Private hospitals are also required by state law to offer charity care and financial help to low-income patients, regardless of immigration status.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit the NY State of Health at nystateofhealth.ny.gov, or call 1-855-355-5777 or 311

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