

NJFamilyCare Eligibility Rules for Non-Citizen Adults Change on October 1, 2026



On October 1, 2026, some lawfully present non-citizen adults who have NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid will lose health coverage. Children in NJ will continue to qualify for NJ FamilyCare regardless of their immigration status. Many non-citizen adults will remain eligible.

Non-citizen Adults who will continue to qualify for NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

- Lawful Permanent Residents (who meet certain conditions)
- Cuban or Haitian Entrants
- People from Micronesia, Marshall Islands or Palau (COFA Migrants)

See the back of this flyer for details about who will still qualify after October 1.

NJ FamilyCare will be sending out letters to adults who may be impacted by this change. If you receive this letter and have questions, Legal Services of New Jersey may be able to provide free legal advice and assistance.

Contact the LSNJ FamilyCare helpline at **1-833-576-5776**.

Visit **www.LSNJLAW.org** for updates.

What to do if you are not eligible for NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

- You may be eligible for Get Covered NJ, New Jersey's Health Insurance Marketplace where individuals and families can buy coverage. Apply at **nj.gov/getcoverednj**.
- Adults (19 and older) who are ineligible for NJFamilyCare/Medicaid due to immigration status may qualify for prenatal care and family planning services under the New Jersey Supplemental Prenatal and Contraceptive Program (NJSPCP). Apply through a participating hospital or Federally Qualified Health Center.
- Immigrant adults may qualify for the Medical Emergency Payment Program (MEPP), which covers emergency services, including labor and delivery. Apply through the hospital or at your County Social Services Agency within 3 months of the emergency.
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) may still be able to provide medical care on a low-cost basis, depending on income. You can search for an FQHC at **healthapps.nj.gov/fhs/cphc/cphcSearch.aspx**

**If you currently have NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid coverage, you should continue to use your coverage and attend health care appointments.*

Non-citizen adults who will continue to qualify for NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

1. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs), who:

- Have had LPR status (green card holder) for at least five years
- Adjusted to LPR status less than five years ago, but have at least five years combined in any qualified status (including victims of domestic violence who had a prima-facie determination while pending LPR)
- Non-citizens in one of the following groups who have adjusted status to Lawful Permanent Resident (green card)
 - ☐ Refugees, asylees, or certified victims of trafficking and their spouse, child, sibling, or parents
 - ☐ Veterans or active-duty military and spouses or unmarried dependents who also have a qualified non-citizen status
 - ☐ Amerasian immigrants
 - ☐ Iraqi and Afghani special immigrants and parolees
 - ☐ Individuals who were paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022 and September 30, 2024 under the Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole (UHP) program
 - ☐ People whose deportation is being withheld

2. Cuban or Haitian Entrants (even if adjusted to another immigration status)

3. Compacts of Free Association (COFA) migrants, which includes people from Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Palau

4. Lawfully present pregnant adults

5. Lawfully present children up to age 21

6. Income-eligible children up to age 19, regardless of their immigration status

Non-citizen adults no longer eligible for NJ FamilyCare as of October 1

1. Temporary humanitarian parolees (those paroled into the U.S. for at least one year)

2. Non-citizens in the following groups who have not adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident status:

- Refugees, asylees, or certified victims of trafficking and their spouse, child, sibling, or parents
- Veterans or active-duty military and spouses or unmarried dependents who also have qualified non-citizen status
- Iraqi and Afghani parolees
- Individuals paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022 and September 30, 2024 under the Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole (UHP) program
- People whose deportation is being withheld
- Victims of domestic violence applying under Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

**The eligibility rules for NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid are complex and have several requirements that must be met, including immigration status. For more information on eligibility, visit njfamilycare.dhs.state.nj.us/who_eligibl.aspx.*