

Medi-Cal Changes for Adult Immigrants in 2026 and 2027

Good News: Medi-Cal is NOT changing for many people!

These people can keep Medi-Cal with dental and no premiums, regardless of immigration status:

- Children (under 19 years old),
- Current and former foster youth (under 26 years old), and
- Pregnant and post-pregnancy people (up to one year after the end of pregnancy).

What changes are coming to Medi-Cal and who is affected?

Starting January 1, 2026, your **age** and **immigration status** will determine what kind of Medi-Cal you can get.

Timeline of Changes		Who Is Affected?*
Dec 31, 2025	<p>Last day to apply for Full Scope Medi-Cal if you are undocumented and age 19+. People already enrolled in Medi-Cal or who applied for Medi-Cal before January 1, 2026 can keep their coverage if they continue to qualify.</p> <p>If your Full-Scope Medi-Cal ends for any reason, you will have 90 days to get back on Full Scope Medi-Cal. If you are past the 90-day period, you may not be able to get back on Full Scope Medi-Cal, and you will only qualify for Emergency Medi-Cal.</p>	Undocumented Adults (19+) <u>only</u>
Jan 1, 2026	<p>Enrollment Freeze Starts Undocumented adults (19+) who apply for Medi-Cal on or after January 1, 2026, <u>will only qualify for Emergency Medi-Cal</u>.</p>	Undocumented Adults (19+) <u>only</u>
July 1, 2026	<p>Dental Coverage Ends Medi-Cal will end full dental care for certain immigrants. Emergency dental care plus all other Medi-Cal benefits will still be covered under "<u>Full Scope Medi-Cal with no Dental</u>."</p>	<p>Only applies to adults (19+) who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undocumented • Green Card Holders (not exempt from or have not met the 5-year waiting period) • DACA Recipients • Some immigrants claiming PRUCOL**
July 1, 2027	<p>Monthly Premiums Start Adults 19-59 years old and enrolled in Full-Scope Medi-Cal with no Dental will be required to pay \$30 each month. <u>If you miss any monthly premium payments</u>, you will have 90 days to catch up. <u>If you do not pay</u> the full amount owed within 90 days, you will lose your Full-Scope Medi-Cal with no Dental, and you may only qualify for Emergency Medi-Cal (which does not require payment of a premium).</p>	<p>Only applies to adults (19-59) who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undocumented • Green Card Holders (not exempt from or have not met the 5-year waiting period) • DACA Recipients • Some immigrants claiming PRUCOL**

* Children under 19, current and former foster youth under 26, and pregnant and post-pregnant people up to one year after the end of pregnancy are exempt from these changes!

** For more details on your immigration status and Medi-Cal eligibility, go to www.healthconsumer.org/medi-cal-changes-and-what-you-need-to-know/.

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Coverage Types Explained

<p>Full Scope Medi-Cal <u>Covers all medically necessary services</u>, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Preventive care ✓ Doctors and hospital visits ✓ Mental health care ✓ Dental ✓ Prescription drugs ✓ Long-term care ✓ and more! 	<p>Full Scope Medi-Cal with no Dental <u>Covers all medically necessary services</u>, except for non-emergency dental services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Preventive care ✓ Doctors and hospital visits ✓ Mental health care ✗ Dental ✓ Prescription drugs ✓ Long-term care ✓ and more! <p>Dental care will only be covered in <u>emergencies</u>, like serious tooth pain, infections, and tooth extractions.</p>	<p>Emergency Medi-Cal <u>Only covers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Preventive care ✗ Regular doctor visits ✓ Emergency care only ✓ Pregnancy care ✓ Long-term care ✓ Dialysis ✗ Most other services <p><u>Emergency Medi-Cal is not comprehensive health coverage.</u></p>
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Don't Lose Your Medi-Cal: Important Reminders



Apply for Medi-Cal before January 1, 2026 if you are an undocumented adult to get Full Scope Medi-Cal. After that deadline, only Emergency Medi-Cal will be available for undocumented adult applicants.



Check your mail, email, and phone for renewal notices and requests from your county Medi-Cal office. Respond to all requests to keep your Medi-Cal coverage. Sign up for text and email reminders by visiting www.BenefitsCal.com.



Contact your county Medi-Cal office as soon as possible to resolve issues with your renewal. Find your local county office: www.BenefitsCal.com/Help/find-an-office/HCCOL

When applying for Medi-Cal:

- Only the applicant's immigration information is needed.
- Family members who are not applying for benefits do not need to provide SSN or immigration status.
- You can apply and enroll in Medi-Cal without an SSN or ITIN.

Who should I speak to if I have questions about my immigration status?

Talk to a trusted and verified immigration specialist. To find a specialist, visit bit.ly/CDSSLSP.

Medi-Cal and Immigration Enforcement

For information regarding how your Medi-Cal information may be shared with immigration enforcement, visit bit.ly/HCAPrivacy.

More questions? Since policies impacting Medi-Cal and immigrants may continue to change, please contact the **Health Consumer Alliance** to see if you are eligible for free and confidential information about Medi-Cal enrollment for immigrants. For the HCA program in your area, call HCA's statewide toll-free number: **1-888-804-3536**, go online to www.HealthConsumer.org, or scan the QR code for more information.

