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HBIA program to end

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has informed health plans and providers that the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA) program for ages 42-64 will be ending on **July 1, 2025**.

What to know

- **The last date of medical coverage through the HBIA program will be June 30, 2025.** Providers should continue to provide care for HBIA members through that date.
- The Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS) program for ages 65 and older will continue. Benefits for HBIS members will not change.

Other resources for care

Providers may refer HBIA members to other resources for continued medical care on or after July 1, 2025.

- HBIA members may have access to primary and preventive care at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and free and charitable clinics that serve uninsured and underinsured people regardless of their immigration status and ability to pay. More information and clinic locations are available online at [IllinoisFreeClinics.org](https://www.illinoisfreeclinics.org) and [IPHCA.org](https://www.iphca.org).
- Individuals who lose coverage will continue to be eligible for emergency services when needed through the Emergency Medical Coverage for Non-Citizens process. Information about Emergency Medical Coverage for Non-Citizens can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions on the [HFS HBIA webpage](#).
- Individuals who have documented noncitizen status may be eligible for coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Health Insurance Marketplace at [GetCovered.Illinois.gov](https://www.getcovered.illinois.gov).

- Undocumented noncitizens may purchase private insurance directly from insurance companies.

Eligibility criteria for other HFS Medical Assistance Programs that provide coverage regardless of citizenship or immigration status (e.g., children coverage for pregnant and postpartum people, emergency medical coverage for end-stage renal disease) has not changed.

Checking eligibility in MEDI

Currently in the MEDI system, eligibility for the HBIA program is displayed as follows:

Case Type: IMMIGRANT ADULTS, FULL COVERAGE

Providers must continue to check the MEDI system for customer eligibility and coverage verification for each service date. Providers are responsible for collecting copayments from HBIA members until the program ends on June 30, 2025. After July 1, 2025, providers should continue to check eligibility, since former HBIA members may have become eligible for another type of coverage and moved to another medical program.

Note: New member enrollment in the Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS) program remains paused, pursuant to Public Notice October 20, 2023. There are no changes to the HBIS program at this time.

Additional support

Providers are encouraged to direct HBIA members to the Immigrant Family Resource Program at **312-793-7120** or visit the Department of Human Services (DHS) [**Support Services for Recently Arrived Migrants website**](#) for community service agencies serving immigrants.

The [**HBIA page**](#) on the HFS website will continue to be updated. For other information, refer to the contacts below:

- Member eligibility - Health Benefits Hotline at **1-800-226-0768**
- FFS billing questions - Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services at **877-782-5565**