



Immigrant Eligibility for MaineCare

What is MaineCare?

MaineCare helps people with low income pay for health care, like doctor visits and medication.

Some immigrants with low income may be able to get MaineCare.

- Refugees and Asylees may get full MaineCare benefits.
- People with Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status for more than 5 years may get MaineCare.
- If you are pregnant or under age 21, and lawfully present in the United States, you can get MaineCare.

Some immigrants are not able to get MaineCare:

1. You have had Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status for less than 5 years (and you are not a Refugee or Asylee);
2. You have filed an application for permanent status and are still waiting for a decision;
3. You have applied for Asylum or another change in immigrant status with the federal immigration authorities and are waiting for a decision;
4. You have another less common legal status; or
5. You do not have documentation.

If you are in one of the groups listed above and you apply for MaineCare you may get a MaineCare card that only pays for **Emergency MaineCare**.

What is Emergency MaineCare?

Emergency MaineCare only pays for the health care services that are needed to stabilize a serious health problem. Emergency MaineCare does pay for the cost for child labor and delivery.

If you have questions about what your MaineCare card pays for you can call: MaineCare Member Services at 1-800-977-6740.

If you cannot get MaineCare, you may qualify for other help paying for health care:

- **Health Insurance Marketplace** at healthcare.gov may help you pay for insurance if you are lawfully present in the U.S. Visit enroll207.com for more information on the help you can get or call Consumers for Affordable Healthcare's Help Line at **1-800-965-7476**
- **CarePartners** at **877-626-1684** offices in Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Waldo and York counties
- **MedAccess** at **877-275-1787** offices in Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Waldo, and York counties
- **Hospital Free Care** - No one can be turned away from emergency services at hospitals. It's the law. If you have low income, some services must be provided free of charge and these cannot be denied because of your immigration status. Any hospital in Maine must give you information about the "Free Care" program it offers.

For questions about public programs, contact:

Maine Equal Justice (MEJ)
Phone number 207-626-7058, extension 205, or go to
maineequaljustice.org/about-us/contact-us/ and leave a message online

For questions about immigrant status you can contact:

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP)
Phone number 207-780-1593 or toll-free at 1-800-497-8505
Email address: ilap@ilapmaine.org