

Good news! Many immigrants can get or keep Medicaid and not hurt their immigration status

1. **Keep your children under age 21 on Medicaid/Dr. Dynasaur!** Keep taking them to the doctor. Your child's Medicaid will **NOT** hurt your immigration status.
2. Are you **pregnant or just had a baby**? Keep going to the doctor. Getting Medicaid while you are pregnant will **NOT** hurt your immigration status. You can also get Medicaid for up to 60 days after you have the baby. It will **NOT** hurt your immigration status.
3. Are you an **asylee, refugee or victim of violence**? Having or applying for Medicaid will **NOT** hurt your immigration status.
4. **Do you get health care through Vermont Health Connect?** Do you have a QHP (Qualified Health Plan) or get APTC (Advance Premium Tax Credits)? These are **NOT** help from the government. Getting these will **NOT** hurt your immigration status.
5. **Can't get Medicaid because of your immigration status?** Medicaid may still pay for emergency medical care. This will **NOT** hurt your immigration status.

Why are we telling you this? A new immigration rule called **public charge** started February 24, 2020. It looks at immigrants who get or apply for Medicaid and other help. If some immigrants get this help, it can hurt their immigration status. It can keep them from getting a green card. Or it may make it hard to come into the U.S. again if they leave.

Important things to know

- **What is Medicaid?** Medicaid includes Dr. Dynasaur, Medicare Savings Programs, and VPharm.
- **Do you have a green card and get Medicaid?** This rule only applies to you **IF**:
 - You leave the U.S. for more than 6 months and want to come back **OR**
 - You were found guilty of certain crimes, leave the U.S. and want to come back

Need help deciding what to do?

Get **free** legal help **before** you apply for or stop government help. Find out which immigrants this rule applies to. Find out what counts as government help. Call Vermont Legal Aid at **1-800-917-7787**. Or go to vtlawhelp.org/health on the internet.