Important Information for Immigrant Families to Know About Medicaid and CHIP

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) can offer free or low-cost health insurance for you and your family. It is safe to apply for Medicaid and CHIP coverage.

If your family includes individuals who are immigrants, here is important information you should know:

- State Medicaid and CHIP agencies can only collect, use, and disclose information needed for the person applying for health coverage.

- You'll never have to share citizenship or immigration status information for family members who aren't applying for coverage. On your application, you can identify family members who aren't applying for coverage as "non-applicants."

- Medicaid and CHIP have strong privacy protections in place to keep your and your family's information secure. An individual helping your family to apply for coverage must follow strict rules to protect your family's privacy. These individuals include state Medicaid and CHIP staff, navigators, certified application counselors, agents, brokers and call center representatives.

- Generally, applying for or receiving Medicaid or CHIP benefits, or getting savings for health insurance costs in the Marketplace, doesn't count in a "public charge" test. It will not affect a person's chances of becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident. There is no public charge test for citizenship.

  - There's one exception for people receiving long-term care in an institution at government expense, like in a nursing home. These people may face barriers getting a green card.

  - Institutionalization for short periods of rehabilitation is not considered in a public charge determination.

  - CHIP benefits are not considered in a public charge determination in any circumstance.

To get more information, call **1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669)** or visit the **"Find Coverage for Your Family"** section on **InsureKidsNow.gov**. If you or someone in your family can't speak, read, write, or understand English, free language assistance is available.

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