



NEW HEALTH COVERAGE RULES FOR GREEN CARD HOLDERS Effective April 1, 2021

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Eligibility & Enrollment Services Division

What Health Coverage Rules Changed For Immigrants?

- In the past, Green Card holders (also called lawful permanent residents) with five (5) years or more of residency in the United States had to show proof of 40 quarters (10 years) of work history to qualify for health coverage from Virginia Medicaid.
- This work requirement ended on March 31, 2021.

What Does This Mean?

- Starting April 1, 2021, Green Card holders (lawful permanent residents) with five (5) years or more of residency in the United States may now be eligible for comprehensive free or low-cost health coverage from Virginia Medicaid.
 - The five years starts from the date the person entered the United States.
 - The five year waiting period is based on Federal law (The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 – PRWORA).

What Services are Covered?



- Virginia Medicaid is complete health insurance. It covers doctor visits, prescriptions, hospital care, long-term supports and services, and more.
- As of July 1, 2021, dental services will be covered for adults who are eligible for full Medicaid coverage.

Health Coverage for Other Immigrants



Immigration Status	Time Limitations/ Waiting Period	Coverage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawfully residing child under 19 • Pregnant women (As of July 1, with any or no immigration status) 	None	Full
Refugee, Asylee, and other humanitarian status	May be eligible for the first seven (7) years after entry into the U.S.	Full
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other documented status • No immigration status or documentation 	None	May be eligible for coverage of emergency medical services only

What Else Should I Know?



- The person must meet eligibility requirements, including income and Virginia residency.
 - Visitors from outside the United States may not be considered residents.
- Encourage anyone who needs health coverage to apply.
- Eligibility can only be determined for certain if a person applies.

What Else Should I Know?



- A fact sheet for Green Card Holders is available at <https://coverva.org/en/coverage-for-non-citizens>.
- Information about health coverage is available on www.coverva.org in a number of languages.
- Translation and interpretation services are available in all languages through Cover Virginia at 1-855-242-8282.

How To Apply For Coverage

- Apply online at CommonHelp:
www.commonhelp.virginia.gov
- Visit www.coverva.org or
www.cubrevirginia.org
- Connect with a local Navigator or application assister at
www.coverva.org/findhelp/ or
<https://www.cubrevirginia.org/findhelp/>
or call **1-888-392-5132** toll-free

How To Apply For Coverage



- Call the Cover Virginia Call Center at **1-855-242-8282** (TDD: 1-888-221-1590) to apply by phone, Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Mail or drop off a paper application (English or Spanish) to your local Department of Social Services. Find your nearest local department of social services at www.dss.virginia.gov/localagency/

For In-depth Medicaid Eligibility Policy

- Medical Assistance Eligibility Manual
 - <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-applicants/eligibility-guidance/eligibility-manual/>
 - The policies regarding immigration status are found in Chapter M02, Subchapter M0220.

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