

Immigrant Children's Health Coverage in Ohio

UNDER THE LEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN'S HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACT (ICHIA), LAWFULLY-PRESENT IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN WHO ARE OHIO RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE WITHOUT A WAITING PERIOD.

Who is Eligible?

A 2013 change in Ohio law makes lawfully residing children and pregnant women, who are Ohio residents, eligible for Medicaid without waiting 5 years. This means immigrant children and pregnant women whose family incomes are below a certain level are eligible for Medicaid immediately!

“Lawfully Residing” Immigrants

“Lawfully residing” immigrants include:

- Legal permanent residents/green card holders;
- Non-immigrant visa holders who have followed their visa requirements, are living in Ohio, and can show that they intend to remain living in the state;
- Individuals with temporary protected status, special immigrant juvenile status, deferred enforced departure status;
- Persons granted deferred action (except those granted “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)”);
- U-visa holders;
- Persons granted withholding of deportation or withholding of removal (including under the Convention Against Torture);
- Applicants for asylum or withholding of deportation/removal who are over 14 and have been granted employment authorization; and
- Applicants for asylum or withholding of deportation/removal who are under 14 and whose application has been pending for 180 days.



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Children Up to Age 21

Children from families with annual incomes between 0-206% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are eligible for health care coverage through Ohio Medicaid.

What does 206% of the FPL look like?

Number of Persons In Your Household	Maximum Family Income for Children to Qualify for Healthy Start
1	\$24,040.20
2	\$32,403.80
3	\$40,767.40
4	\$49,131.00
5	\$57,494.60
6	\$65,858.20
7	\$74,221.80
8	\$82,585.40

Pregnant Women

Pregnant women whose annual household income is between 0-200% of the Federal Level (FPL) are eligible for health care coverage through Ohio Medicaid during their pregnancies and for a 60-day period that begins on the last day of their pregnancy.

What does 200% of the FPL look like?

Number of Persons In Your Household	Maximum Family Income for Children to Qualify for Healthy Start
1	\$23,340.00
2	\$31,460.00
3	\$39,580.00
4	\$47,700.00
5	\$55,820.00
6	\$63,940.00
7	\$72,060.00
8	\$80,180.00

Why Enroll in Medicaid? *IT IS FREE!*

Medicaid provides children (up to age 21) and pregnant women with free health care. It helps ensure that children and pregnant women receive the services they need to be healthy.

Medicaid covers a wide variety of medical services, including:

- Child health screenings (including hearing and developmental screenings)
- Immunizations
- Prenatal care
- Mental health treatment
- Doctor visits
- Dental care and vision care
- Hospital stays and emergency care
- Prescription medicine

How to Enroll

Begin the enrollment process by visiting **Ohio Benefits** (<https://benefits.ohio.gov/>), calling the **Ohio Medicaid Consumer Hotline (1-800-324-8680)**, or visiting the **Job and Family Services** office that is located in the county in which you reside (http://jfs.ohio.gov/County/County_Directory.pdf).

