

Coverage for

DACA recipients in Maryland

For the first time, DACA recipients can get a private health plan and savings through Maryland Health Connection.

DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, is a policy that offers temporary protection from deportation and grants work authorization to undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children. The federal government recently added DACA to the list of eligible immigration statuses for marketplace coverage. Maryland Health Connection is the state's official health insurance marketplace.



Applying for a Health Plan

Starting Nov. 1, 2024, DACA recipients can get a private health plan and financial help at MarylandHealthConnection.gov. All available health plans cover important benefits, like doctor visits, mental health services, prescription drugs, emergency care, and more.

Applying for health insurance will not affect a DACA recipient's immigration status or the immigration status of other family members.

Getting Savings

DACA recipients will be eligible for financial help, known as tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies, to lower the cost of their plan. Today, 9 in 10 Marylanders who get a health coverage through Maryland Health Connection also get savings. Maryland Health Connection is the only place to get savings on private health plans.

YOU CAN GET FREE, IN-PERSON ENROLLMENT HELP

Free help is available to find a health insurance plan that's right for you. You can meet with a trained navigator or broker near you.

Visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov/help or call 1-855-642-8572.
Deaf and hard of hearing use Relay service.





Great News for DACA Recipients — Sign Up for a Health Plan on Maryland Health Connection and Get Savings

- Starting Nov. 1, 2024, people who receive Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) can get a private health plan and financial help through Maryland Health Connection. The federal government added DACA to the list of eligible immigration statuses for marketplace coverage.
- The rules have changed for DACA recipients. Although in prior years you may not have qualified for health coverage and savings, with this NEW rule you may be eligible.
- We are monitoring a lawsuit that could delay the start of this new eligibility for DACA recipients. We are committed to helping DACA recipients, their families, and their communities understand the new rule. We will share important updates as soon as new information becomes available. Until then, we are getting ready to launch in November and we are looking forward to welcoming more Marylanders to Maryland Health Connection.
- What is DACA? DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, is a policy that offers temporary protection from deportation and grants work authorization to undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children. These individuals, often referred to as "Dreamers," have grown up in the U.S., attended American schools, and contributed to their communities in various ways.
- Starting Nov. 1, 2024, DACA recipients in Maryland can sign up for health coverage through Maryland Health Connection. The health plans cover important health benefits, including doctor visits, prescriptions, mental health services, and more.
- DACA recipients also will be eligible for financial help, known as tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies, to lower the cost of their plan. Today, 9 in 10 Marylanders who get a health plan through Maryland Health Connection also get savings.

- DACA recipients will be eligible for a special enrollment period for 60 days starting Nov. 1.
 - If you sign up in November, your coverage will begin on Dec. 1, 2024.
 - If you sign up in December, your coverage will begin on Jan. 1, 2025.
- Visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov to browse plans and prices now, so you'll be ready to select your plan on Nov. 1.
- Applying for health insurance will **not** affect a DACA recipient's immigration status or the immigration status of other family members.
- This change is a major step toward inclusivity and equity in offering health care to everyone who lives in our state.
- By expanding access to health care to DACA recipients, Maryland is not only improving the lives of Dreamers, but also strengthening the health and resilience of our entire community.
- Free enrollment assistance is available in English, Spanish, and many other languages. Contact the Maryland Health Connection Call Center toll-free at 1-855-642-8572 or visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov/find-help to locate the office nearest you.
- Enroll online at MarylandHealthConnection.gov