

Immigration Status and Eligibility for Health Coverage Programs

This job aid explains eligibility guidelines according to immigration status or category and class codes for Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid program), Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+), and qualified health plans through Connect for Health Colorado. This aid does not provide eligibility guidelines for Premium Tax Credits.

This job aid lists the most common immigration categories along with the codes that are currently available in the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS). If an applicant’s class code is not available from the drop-down menu, select “other”. Because multiple immigration documents can be used to show lawful presence for multiple immigration categories, names and images of the most commonly used documents are available in a separate CKF job aid, [Images of Documents Typically Used by Lawfully Present Immigrants](#). Public charge information is available in the CKF job aid, [Key Points for Assistants to Help Clients Understand Public Charge](#).

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<p>Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrants – Iraqi and Afghan nationals who have worked for the U.S. government in their home country and are permitted to come to the U.S. with a Special Immigrant Visa. Codes: SI1-SI3, SI6, SI7, SI9, SQ1-SQ7, SQ9, CQ1-3</p>	<p>Eligible; no five-year lawful presence waiting period required</p>		<p>Eligible</p>
<p>Afghan Humanitarian Parolee – Afghan citizens and nationals who are admitted to the U.S. due to urgent humanitarian reasons and were paroled in the U.S. between July 31, 2021, and September 30, 2022. This includes a spouse or child of an Afghan humanitarian parolee. Benefits are available until March 31, 2023, or the end of the individual’s parole term, whichever is later. Codes: SQ1, SQ2, SQ3, SQ6, SQ7, SQ8, SQ4, SQ5, CQ1, CQ2, CQ3, OAR, PAR, DT</p>			
<p>Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee – Ukrainian citizens and nationals, as well as non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine, who are admitted to the U.S. as parolees on or between February 24, 2022</p>			

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<p>and September 30, 2023. Or, Ukrainian nationals who are paroled into the U.S. after September 30, 2023, and are the spouse or child of the parolee described above, or parent, legal guardian, or primary caregiver of the parolee who is determined to be an unaccompanied child.</p>			
<p>Amerasians – Vietnamese children born to U.S. citizen fathers between 1962 and 1976, who are Legally Permanent Residents (LPRs) in the U.S.</p>			
<p>Applicants and recipients of Victim of Trafficking (T) Visa – trafficking survivor or victim and their spouse, child, and parent. Individuals certified by the Office of Refugee Resettlement and/or who have a T visa or have applied for one. Codes: Not necessary</p>			
<p>Asylees – individuals in the U.S. who were granted asylum by meeting the definition of a refugee (different eligibility rules apply to asylum applicants, see below). Codes: AS1-3, AS6-8, A5, SM0-9, 207, 208, 212, 274(a)(5)</p>	Eligible; no five-year lawful presence waiting period required		Eligible
<p>Canadian born individuals with 50% American-Indian blood (Cross Border Native American). Codes: S13, 289 Border Crossing Card</p>			
<p>COFA migrants – Compact of Free Association Migrants (COFA) from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau living in the U.S.</p>			
<p>Cuban or Haitian entrants – nationals of Cuba or Haiti who were paroled into the U.S., or have a pending exclusion or deportation case, or applied for asylum, provided that they are not subject to a final order of deportation or exclusion. Codes: CB1-2, CB6-7, CH6, CU6-7, HA6-9, HB6-9, HC6-9, HD6-9, HE6-9, LB1-2, LB6-7, 212(d)(5), 501e</p>			

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<p>Deportation Withheld - individuals who have had deportation withheld under section 243(h) and 241(b)(3) of the INA. Codes: A10, Z13, Z56, 106, 243(h), 241(b)(3), 274a12(a)(10)</p>	Eligible; no five-year lawful presence waiting period required		Eligible
<p>Hmong/Highland Lao Veteran – members of Hmong or Highland Laotian tribes who helped the U.S. during the Vietnam War. Includes the spouse (or unmarried surviving spouse) and unmarried dependent children of these individuals. Codes: IC6, IC7, RE1-3, RE6-8, R36, R86</p>			
<p>Refugees – individuals who, while outside the U.S. and their home country, were granted permission to enter and reside in the U.S. because they have a well-founded fear of persecution in their home country. Codes: A3, M83, RE1-9, REFUG, SM0-9, Y64, (a)(3), (a)(5), 207, 212, 274a12(a)(3)</p>			
<p>Lawfully residing immigrant who is an honorably discharged veteran, on active duty in the armed forces, or the spouse or unmarried dependent child of an honorable discharged veteran or individual on active duty Codes: Not necessary</p>			
<p>American Samoans lawfully present under the immigration laws of American Samoa.</p>	Eligible after five-years of lawful presence; until then, eligible for Emergency Medicaid only	Eligible; no five-year lawful presence waiting period required	Eligible
<p>Battered spouse, child, and parent – domestic violence victims/survivors under the Violence Against Women Act. Codes: 204(a)(1)(a), 204(a)(1)(b), 244(a)(3)</p>			
<p>Conditional entrants granted before 1980 – category of immigrants before the status of “refugee” was established in 1980. Codes: A3, 203(a)(7), 274a12(a)(3)</p>			
<p>Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) or “green card” holders – individuals who have permission to live and work permanently in the U.S.</p>			

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<p>Paroled by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for at least one year – individuals permitted to enter the U.S. for humanitarian or public interest reasons. <i>Codes: A4, SM0, SM1, SM2, SM3, SM4, SM5, SM6, SM7, SM8, SM9, (a)(4), 212(d)(5), 212</i></p>			
<p>Applicants of Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) status – noncitizens under the age of 21 who have been abandoned and/or abused and have a pending SIJ application.</p>	N/A	Eligible; no five-year lawful presence waiting period required	Eligible
<p>Applicants for the adjustment to LPR status with approved visa petitions – individuals whose relatives or employers have requested their immigration to the U.S.</p>	Eligible for Emergency Medicaid and Reproductive Health Program only	Eligible; no five-year lawful presence waiting period required	Eligible
<p>Deferred Enforced Departure – individuals allowed to remain lawfully in the U.S. for a limited time by a presidential proclamation or other executive action.</p>			
<p>Family Unity – individuals and their spouses and minor children, protected from deportation. The individual must have been the spouse or child of an amnesty immigrant as of 1988, and have been residing in the U.S. since then.</p>			
<p>Granted Administrative stay of deportation or removal – issued by DHS.</p>			
<p>Granted Deferred Action Status (excluding DACA) – individuals granted deferred action based on their need to remain in the U.S. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) grantees are not considered “lawfully present” for Medicaid, CHP+, or marketplace eligibility purposes.</p>			
<p>Granted Temporary Resident Status – individuals granted a general amnesty and “special agricultural workers.”</p>			

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Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) – individuals physically present in the U.S. but are from countries that DHS has designated as unsafe and are permitted stay in the U.S. for a specified period.	Eligible for Emergency Medicaid and Reproductive Health Program only	Eligible; no five-year lawful presence waiting period required	Eligible
Granted Withholding of Removal Under the Convention Against Torture (CAT)			
Lawfully Present in American Samoa under the laws of American Samoa			
Paroled by DHS for less than a year – individuals permitted to enter the U.S. for humanitarian or public interest reasons.			
Nonimmigrant visa holders – students, visitors on business, and others permitted to live and work in the U.S. indefinitely.			
U Visa Holders – victims of crimes with information about that crime and who are helpful to law enforcement. U Visa Holders are considered “Non-immigrant visa holders”.			
Applicant for the LIFE act – individuals who filed written claims for class membership in one of the class action lawsuits that challenged the former IRCA under the Legal Immigration and Family Equity (LIFE) Act.	Eligible for Emergency Medicaid and Reproductive Health Program only	Eligible with employment authorization	
Applicants for cancellation of removal – individuals in removal proceedings who have applied for cancellation of removal based on certain criteria.			
Applicants for legalization under the IRCA of 1986			
Applicants for suspension of deportation – individuals in removal proceedings who have applied for cancellation of removal based on certain criteria.			
Applicants for TPS status			

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Order of Supervision – individuals with a final order of deportation who have been temporarily released by DHS custody.			
Registry applicants – individuals who have resided continuously in the U.S. since Jan. 1, 1972, and meet LPR requirements.			
Applicants for asylum (including under the CAT)	Eligible for Emergency Medicaid and Reproductive Health Program only	Eligible with employment authorization; or if under 14 years of age, have had an application pending for at least 180 days	
Applicants for withholding of deportation or removal (including under the CAT)			
DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) – (<u>DACA status does not include other deferred action granted individuals</u> , see above for more information). <i>Class code: C33</i>	Eligible for Emergency Medicaid and Reproductive Health Program (non-pregnant people) only	Eligible as of January 1, 2025	Eligible as of November 1, 2024
Undocumented immigrants	Eligible for Emergency Medicaid and Reproductive Health Program (non-pregnant people) only	Eligible as of January 1, 2025	Eligible for OmniSalud - SilverEnhanced Colorado Option Plans with state-based subsidies - depending on income through Colorado

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			Connect. Also eligible to purchase full priced Colorado Option plans through Colorado Connect or plans directly from the insurer without subsidies.

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