

# Granted Parole For More Than One Year (after 8/22/1996)

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If you have been *Granted Parole For more than One Year* after 8/22/96, this fact sheet will help you understand your eligibility for health coverage in Illinois. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace and Medicaid both cover services such as doctor visits, hospital care and medications. To be eligible for the Marketplace or Medicaid, you must be a resident of Illinois. If you are on an active non-immigrant visa you may not qualify. For more information on parole, please see [USCIS](#). For more information on various types of parole and eligibility for health coverage see this [chart](#).

[HealthCare.gov](#) is the Marketplace in Illinois where you can get coverage with lower monthly premiums or savings on out-of-pocket costs (e.g., co-pay, deductible) based on your income.

Medicaid and Medicaid-like programs are state health coverage for low income populations depending on age, immigration status, household size, and income:

- **ACA Adult Medicaid:** 19-64 years old with income up 138% FPL.
- **Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD) Medicaid:** 65 or older or disabled with income up to 100% FPL.
- **Moms & Babies:** Pregnant and up to 12 months postpartum with income up to 213% FPL.
- **Health Benefit for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS)** Medicaid-like program: 65 or older with income up to 100% FPL.
- **Health Benefit for Immigrant Adult (HBIA)** Medicaid-like program: Must be ages 42-64 years old with income up 138% FPL.
- **VTTC Medical** Medicaid-like program: 19 years of age and older with income up to [100% of FPL](#).
- **All Kids Medicaid program:** up to age 19, with household income up 318% FPL.

## What About Public Charge?

When certain individuals (most likely applying through the family immigration pathway) apply for LPR (commonly known as green card) status, immigration officials assess several factors to determine whether the applicant is *likely to become primarily dependent on the government for their subsistence* -- and if so, the applicant could be denied the green card on *public charge* grounds. **Enrollment in health coverage (such as Medicaid and Marketplace coverage) is NOT counted in the public charge test; the only counted health benefit in the public charge test is use of long term care in an institution paid for by Medicaid.** For a longer list of "safe" benefits see [this link](#). Green card holders when *renewing* their green card or when *applying for citizenship* are not subject to the public charge test. For a longer list of immigration statuses that are exempt from the public charge test see [this link](#).

## How to Apply:

- **Medicaid:** Use ABE – Application for Benefits Eligibility to apply for Medicaid and other benefits in Illinois: <https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/>. Medicaid can be backdated up to three months from the day you apply, if you were eligible and had medical expenses during those three months.
- **Marketplace Coverage:** Use [HealthCare.gov](#) to apply for Marketplace coverage during Open Enrollment (Nov. 1 – Jan. 15) or if you qualify for a [Special Enrollment Period](#) during other parts of the year. [A Navigator or Assister](#) can help you enroll in Marketplace or Medicaid for free.

## Granted Parole for More than One Year (after 8/22/96) Eligibility for Marketplace and Medicaid Health Coverage

If you have been *Granted Parole for More than One Year* (After 8/22/96) this fact sheet will help you understand your eligibility for health coverage in Illinois. If you have been *Granted Parole for More than One Year and it is still active*, you are considered “lawfully present” and eligible for Marketplace coverage. You are also eligible for Federal Medicaid programs after you have had the parole status for 5 years. While the parolee is in this 5 year waiting period, you are eligible for state-funded Medicaid-like programs. **Eligibility depends on whether you:**

1. Have been granted Parole Status for More Than One Year (after 8/22/96) AND has had this status for less than 5 years.
2. Have been granted Parole Status for More Than One Year (after 8/22/96) and has held status for five years or longer. (See box below).

For more information on various types of parole and eligibility for health coverage see this [chart](#).

### Granted Parole for > 1 Year (After 8/22/96) AND has had Designation Less Than 5 years

	ACA Adult	AABD	All Kids	HBIA	HBIS	VTTC Medical*	Moms & Babies	Marketplace
<b>Eligible?</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*If you have been granted parole for more than one year (after 8/22/96) and you have had this designation for less than five years, you (and your derivative family members) may also be eligible for the Victims of Trafficking, Torture and Other Crimes (VVTC) cash/ food/ medical assistance program *if* you are preparing to file an application, (or have filed an application) for a U visa, T visa, or asylum. For more information on VTTC, please see this [VTTC Fact sheet](#).

### Granted Parole for > 1 Year (after 8/22/96) AND has had designation 5+ years

	ACA Adult	AABD	All Kids	HBIA	HBIS	VTTC Medical	Moms & Babies	Marketplace
<b>Eligible?</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes with active status

### Eligibility for Additional Benefits & Programs

If you have been *Granted Parole for More than One Year* After 8/22/96 AND you have had this designation for five years (or meet these [exceptions](#)) may be eligible for SNAP and TANF. You are also eligible for [WIC](#) and for the benefits and programs provided in [this fact sheet](#). If you have been *Granted Parole for More than One Year* After 8/22/96 AND you have had this designation for less than five years, you are also eligible for [WIC](#) and for the benefits and programs provided in [this fact sheet](#).

### Need More Information?

- Public Charge questions? email [pifillinois@povertylaw.org](mailto:pifillinois@povertylaw.org) or visit the [Protecting Immigrant Families Illinois](#) website or visit [Keepyourbenefits.us](http://Keepyourbenefits.us) website to determine if you would be subject to the public charge test.
- Statewide [Community Service Agencies Serving Immigrants](#) and [IDHS Welcoming Centers](#) and ICIRR-administered [Family and Community Resource Centers](#) (FCRCs)

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