

Ukrainian Parolees (Granted This Designation Between 2/24/22-9/30/22)

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If you have been designated a Ukrainian Parolee, this fact sheet will help you understand your eligibility for health coverage in Illinois. This fact sheet is also for *non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine* (and who were granted parole between 02/24/2022, and 09/30/2023). See [USCIS page](#) and [IDHS Policy](#) on Ukrainian Parolees for more information. 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 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.

Designated a “Ukrainian Parolee” Between 2/24/22-9/30/22: Eligibility for Marketplace and Medicaid Health Coverage

If you have been granted Ukrainian Parolee designation between 2/24/22-9/30/22, this fact sheet will help you understand your eligibility for health coverage in Illinois. Ukrainian Parolees are considered “lawfully present” and are eligible for Marketplace coverage. Ukrainian Parolees are also eligible for Federal Medicaid programs. For more information on various types of parole and eligibility for health coverage see this [chart](#). [Here is additional information from the federal government](#) about benefits and programs for Ukrainian Parolees.

Individual with Active Ukrainian Parolee Status:

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

*Ukrainians and Non-Ukrainians who enter the U.S from Ukraine may qualify for cash and food assistance under the the Victims of Trafficking, Torture and Other Crimes (VTTC) program if they are not eligible for assistance under the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022 (AUSAA) AND if they have documentation such as an appointment notice that notes a "Case Type" I-589 Application For Asylum and For Withholding of Removal. [See IDHS policy](#). Additionally, individuals who no longer have active Ukrainian Parolee status may also be eligible for the VTTC program **if** they 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](#) and [See IDHS policy](#).

Eligibility for Additional Benefits & Programs

If you are an Ukrainian Parolee with Active Status you are eligible for employment preparation, job placement, English language training, and other services offered through the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). You may be eligible for federal cash assistance through [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\)](#) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and food assistance through [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#) program. You are also eligible for [WIC](#) and may be eligible for many of the benefits and programs provided in [this fact sheet](#). [Here is additional information from the federal government](#) about benefits and programs for Ukrainian Parolees.

Need More Information?

- Public Charge questions? email pifillinois@povertylaw.org or visit the [Protecting Immigrant Families Illinois](#) website or visit 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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