

# **SALUD SIN PAPELES (SSP) / HEALTH WITHOUT PAPERS**

**A project of:**



# Healthcare resources for people who:

- Are undocumented (don't have papers)
- Have DACA
- Don't have health insurance



## What They DO NOT Qualify For

- You are not allowed to purchase health insurance through Get Covered Illinois.
- You are not eligible for financial assistance through Get Covered Illinois.
- You are not required to buy insurance and you do not have to pay any fines (*Do not give money to your accountant when you pay your taxes!*)
- You are not eligible for Medicare, nonemergency Medicaid, or CHIP (Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan)

# All Kids

**Insurance program for children 18 years of age and younger, regardless of immigration status**

## **Requirements:**

- Illinois Resident
- Family income below certain levels based on household size
  - Covers children with family income under 300% of the federal poverty level, regardless of immigration status
- Families pay a premium and copays for this insurance depending on family income
- Even if you are undocumented, you can buy health insurance for your kids through **Get Covered Illinois** if they are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.
  - Citizen or lawfully present immigrant children eligible for financial assistance and reduced cost-sharing.
- Children age out of this insurance option when they turn 19 years

# Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility (MPE)

**This program is for pregnant and post-pregnancy women and their newborn children – there are no premiums or copays.**

- This is available regardless of immigration status and covers up to 2 months of outpatient care for pregnant women.
- This coverage includes prenatal checkups, doctor visits, lab tests, prenatal vitamins, medicine, specialty medical care, eye care, dental care, emergency room care, mental health and substance abuse services, transportation to get medical care and other related services.
- **Requirements:**
  - In 2014, all adults with incomes at or below 133% of the federal poverty level (for example, \$30,000 for a family of four in 2011), whether they have dependent children or not

# Mom's and Babies

**Similar to the Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility(MPE), this program is for pregnant and post-pregnancy women and their newborn children – there are no premiums or copays. This program must be applied for separately from MPE.**

- Covers hospital services related to pregnancy.
- Covers mothers for in-patient hospital care as well as outpatient care for the duration of pregnancy as well as 60 days after giving birth.
- The program also covers the newborn child for one year.
- **Requirements:**
  - It covers low-income pregnant women with family income below 200% of the federal poverty level, regardless of immigration status.

# Charity Care / Hospital Financial Assistance

**All hospitals are required to provide a set amount of emergency care and financial assistance for some types of care to uninsured patients and sometimes underinsured. This does not take into account immigration status.**

- At the Cook County Hospital this program is called **CareLink**.
- At other hospitals, sometimes the application is too complicated or hard to obtain, but always make sure to ask for an application - Usually, it's called "Hospital Financial Assistance Application"
- Hospitals are required to provide the application in English and in any other language that is the primary language of at least 5% of the patients served by the hospital annually.

## **Requirements:**

- Patients must fill out the application as soon as possible – proving income and residency in Illinois.
- Patient(s) have to be in a household of less than 200% of the FPL (Federal Poverty Level) or 125% in rural hospitals. An individual making about \$23,340 or less is under 200% FPL. However, some patients with higher incomes could get assistance with payment.

# FQHC and Free/Low Cost Clinics

**Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) are governed by federal rules that offer healthcare in underserved communities.**

- The range of services vary, but can include prenatal, dental and mental health options on top of primary care needs.
- Costs are on a sliding scale – most do not cost more than \$40 for a regular visit
- These clinics serve patients regardless of immigration status
- There are over 700 throughout Illinois. A list available of all of these clinics at:
  - <http://icirr.org/content/free-and-low-cost-health-clinics-illinois-everyone>



# Emergency Medicaid

**It covers the services necessary to stabilize a patient in severe emergency. Undocumented residents qualify.**

- Coverage can only extend to a maximum of 30 days of care and until the patient is stabilized.
- End-Stage Renal Disease dialysis treatment is covered.
- Covers some cancer- related medication and treatment.

# Kidney Transplants for Undocumented Residents

On October 1, 2014, the Medicaid Omnibus bill went into effect which covers kidney transplants for select undocumented immigrants who qualify.

## Requirements:

- Prove Illinois residency
- Fall under the income level of traditional Medicaid recipients (under 138% of the FPL)
  - 138% FPL is about \$15,800 for one individual.
- Be receiving dialysis treatments for kidney failure.
- Generally, it will necessary for the recipient to have a donor lined up (family member, etc.)

# Emergency Care/ER

- In 1986, Congress passed the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act to ensure that all patients needing emergency care are treated until stable, regardless of immigration status or ability to pay.
- Generally ERs should be considered a last resort since they can only provide short term care.
- If you can, it is best that you obtain preventive medical care (regularly).

# Medications

- FQHCs use two methods to provide low or no cost medication to patients:
  - Through the 340B Medication Pricing program, clinics receive most common medications at the lowest rate possible
  - For more expensive drugs, clinics can contact patient assistance programs at pharmaceutical companies and, if the drug is available, sometimes receives it for free or reduced cost.
- NeedyMeds is also a national non-profit that helps patients find cheap medications regardless of documentation: <http://www.needymeds.org/index.htm>
- Wal-Mart have a section in the pharmacy where you can find basic/over the counter medicines at reduced prices.

# Cook County Care Link

**Carelink is a financial assistance program offered through the Cook County Health and Hospitals System that provides financial help to qualified residents who are uninsured or underinsured.**

- You can get medical care at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital or clinics through the Cook County Health and Hospital System (CCHHS).
- **What does CareLink cover ?**
  - Visits to clinics
  - Laboratory visits
  - Hospital stays
  - Prescriptions
  - Urgent and emergency care
- **Requisitos:**
  - You mustn't be a resident of Cook County
  - Your income must be less than 600% of the Federal Poverty Level (For a family of 4, this would mean an annual income of \$90,780)
  - You are uninsured or underinsured (regardless of immigration status)
  - You are not eligible for assistance through Medicare or Medicaid.

# Access DuPage

**“Access DuPage is a collaborative effort whose mission is to provide access to medical services to those people in DuPage County, IL who lack healthcare access because of economic reasons.”**

## **Requirements:**

- Has lived in DuPage County during at least 30 days
- Between the ages of 19 and 64
- Household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- No medical insurance
- Not eligible for select private or public health coverage
  
- You will receive a card that you will need to renew every year if you still qualify.
- To see a list of services they provide, please see the brochure.

For more information call between 8 am and 4 pm, through Friday at (630) 510-8720, office normally closes for lunch 12-1 pm.uul



# Thank you!

## Questions?

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