

Upcoming Health Care Changes for Immigrants in WA

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Congress Reduces Health Care Access For Many Lawfully Present Immigrants

The federal [One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#) (“OBBBA”) changes eligibility standards for Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace in ways that newly exclude many lawfully present immigrants who have previously received care from these programs.

Only The Following People Will Be Able to Keep or Get Coverage

The following individuals will continue to qualify for health coverage under the new federal restrictions:

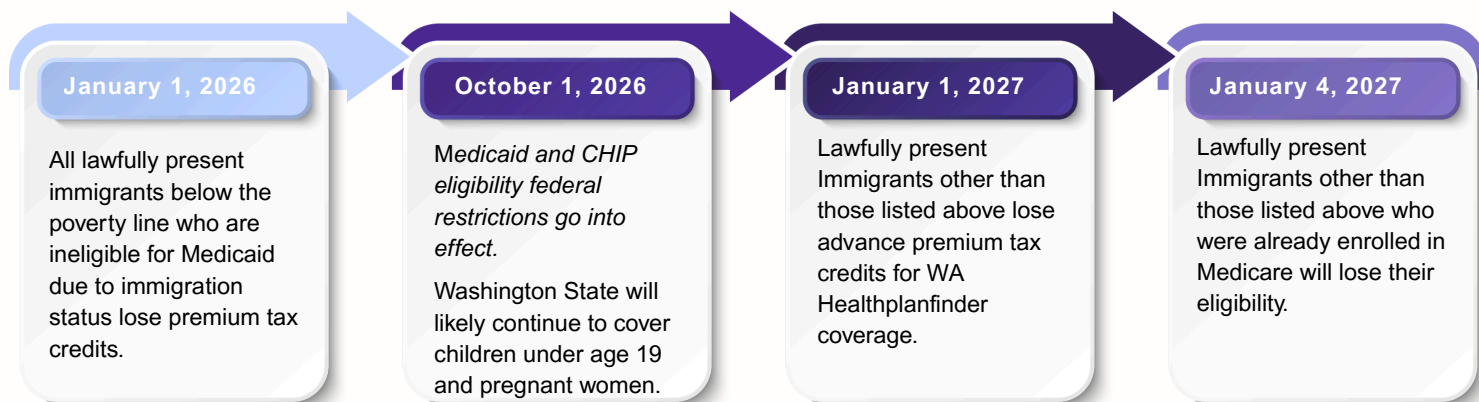
- U.S. Citizens including Naturalized Citizens
- Lawful Permanent Residents (Green Card Holders)
- [Individuals with Cuban-Haitian Entrant Status](#)
- [Compact of Free Association \(COFA\) Migrants](#)

This applies to coverage under:

- Medicaid*
- CHIP*
- Medicare
- ACA Premium Tax Credits

Timeline of Health Coverage Changes for Immigrants

Federal policy changes are already affecting Medicare eligibility for immigrants who would have been newly eligible and will soon impact access to other programs for many immigrants in Washington. The timeline below outlines when these restrictions take effect.



NOTE: All Washingtonians to 250% FPL are still eligible for Cascade Care Savings.

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