



Kansas Medical Assistance Fact Sheet: Non-Citizen Applicants

Medical Assistance for Non-Citizen Applicants with an Immigration Status

Non-citizens who apply may be able to get medical assistance to the same extent as a U.S. citizen when eligibility criteria are met. For most medical assistance programs, a non-citizen must have a qualifying status as determined by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Some will have a 5-year waiting period based on when they arrived in the United States.

KanCare will try to verify the status through Federal databases using the information provided on the application. If we are unable to do so, we will contact you and ask for copies of the documents.

KanCare will only need this information for those requesting coverage.

Documents

One of the following documents will assist us in verifying your immigration status:

- Permanent Resident Card (Green Card), document number I-551
- Arrival/Departure Record, document numbers I-94 or I-94A
- Employment Authorization Card (EAD), document number I-766
- Arrival/Departure Record in Foreign Passport, document I-94
- Refugee Travel, document number I-571
- Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant Student Status, documents F-1 or I-20
- Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status, document J-1, or DS2019
- Reentry Permit, document number I-327

Other documents that may be submitted as verification of immigration status:

- Foreign Passport
- Other Immigration Document (Must contain I-94 or Alien/USCIS Number)
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with temporary I-551 language)

Waiting Periods

For some people with an immigration status (such as LPRs or “green-card” holders), there may be a 5-year waiting period before they are able to qualify for medical coverage. For the immigration statuses listed below, there is no waiting period:

- Refugees
- Asylees
- Cuban or Haitian Entrants
- Afghan/Iraqi Special Immigrant Visa holders
- Afghan Humanitarian Parolees who arrive between July 31, 2021 and September 30, 2022
- Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees who arrive between February 24, 2022 and September 30, 2023

Citizens of the Pacific Islands listed below are also considered Qualifying Non-Citizens and may be considered for Medicaid coverage as of December 27, 2020. There is no waiting period for this group:

- Federated States of Micronesia
- Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Republic of Palau

Note: There are more immigration statuses than those listed. KanCare will use information provided by DHS to know if someone has a waiting period or not.

Non-Citizen Applicants without a Qualifying Immigration Status (Undocumented)

Non-citizens who do not have a documented status or whose immigration status does not meet the rules for full Medicaid or CHIP may still get assistance with emergency services (SOBRA). KanCare will work with your doctor to see if you qualify for this type of assistance.

Social Security Number (SSN)

Some non-citizens are required to apply with the Social Security Administration (SSA) for an SSN before they can get medical coverage. The agency may need proof of the application sent to SSA.

Non-citizens who only qualify for a non-work SSN are not required to apply for an SSN in order to get medical coverage. This would include refugees, asylees, and other special groups.

Non-citizens may apply at any time regardless of SSN status. The agency will reach out if they need more information.

How to Apply for Medical Coverage: You must complete and submit an application to receive medical coverage.

To apply for medical coverage, use any of the following choices:

- Apply Online- Apply for all programs at the [Medical Consumer Self-Service Portal](#).
- Call the KanCare Clearinghouse at 1-800-792-4884 to request an application be sent to you. Interpreter services are available.
- If you or your family currently have an open KanCare case that has been reviewed in the last year, you can call to request coverage for an additional family member at 1-800-792-4884. We will contact you if any additional information is needed to complete the request.
- Paper applications can be downloaded for printing at [Apply for KanCare](#).
- You can also report changes or submit your review at the [Medical Consumer Self-Service Portal](#).