

HR1 NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid) changes for immigrants:

Provider & case manager cheat sheet | July 2026



Key dates

- July 2026**
Initial letter sent
NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid) sends letters to immigrants whose eligibility they cannot verify. Letter says: you may lose coverage Oct 1 — send your documents by the deadline.
- July – Sep 2026**
Document review & outcome letter sent
NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid) checks documents with federal databases. They send a follow-up or “Outcome” letter: eligible, ineligible, or need more info.
- Mid-Sep 2026**
Final notice/Non-response letter
People who didn’t respond get a final termination notice/non-response letter. It includes info on how to appeal. Note: up to 90 extra days if more time needed to appeal.
- Oct 1, 2026**
Coverage ends
NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid) ends for ineligible immigrants. **THIS IS THE DEADLINE.** Those still eligible keep coverage. Help people act before this date.
- Dec 31, 2026**
Final appeal deadline
Final date to submit appeals for those whose coverage was terminated. Do no wait — free legal help is available.

Who keeps vs loses NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid)

KEEPS NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid)

- ✓ Children under 19 (any immigration status up to 21 if documented)
- ✓ Lawfully present pregnant people
- ✓ LPRs (green card) with 5+ years
- ✓ Cuban/Haitian Entrants | COFA migrants (Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau)
- ✓ Refugees, Asylees, Trafficking victims, Iraqi/Afghani immigrants, UHP, Veterans — IF adjusted to LPR (green card) status

LOSES NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid) Oct 1

- ✗ Refugees, asylees, trafficking victims, Iraqi/Afghani parolees, UHP, veterans — if NOT yet adjusted to LPR
- ✗ Temporary humanitarian parolees (paroled 1+ year)
- ✗ VAWA survivors — if not LPR, or LPR less than 5 years

KEY RULE

For most categories (refugees, asylees, etc.) — the single question is: Have they adjusted to LPR (green card) status?



Yes = keeps coverage

✗ Not yet = loses coverage

5 steps to help your client

- 1. OPEN ALL MAIL** — Help clients open and identify Medicaid notices. Suggest USPS Informed Delivery (free) to track mail by email: <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>
- 2. KEEP DOCUMENTS ORGANIZED** — Help them create a folder for all Medicaid letters. Note deadlines on each notice.
- 3. READ NOTICES CAREFULLY** — Identify what is changing, when, and what action is needed. If not in their language, arrange translation.
- 4. SUBMIT DOCUMENTS** — Encourage clients to send requested documents even if unsure of eligibility. Sending docs does NOT hurt them.
- 5. APPEAL IF NEEDED** — If coverage is cut, help client submit a 'Request for Fair Hearing.' Free legal help is available.

Important reminders for workers

Children & pregnancy

ALWAYS protected — regardless of their or their parents' immigration status. Never disenroll a child.

Mixed-status families

Look at each person individually. Undocumented parents do NOT need to share their status when applying for their children.

Data privacy

Do not make promises about data safety. Acknowledge concerns as valid. Refer to legal aid for individual guidance.

Your role

Inform, connect, and support — do not give legal advice. Know who to call: Legal Services of NJ

LPR under 5 years

Connect to the HMS helpline or Legal Services of NJ hotline



Free help resources



Legal Services of NJ

1-888-LSNJ-LAW

Free civil legal aid for low-income NJ residents



HMS helpline (new)

1-833-635-7060 (TTY: 711)



Immigration law help

immigrationlawhelp.org

Find free immigration legal services near you



NJ FamilyCare Medicaid / DMAHS

nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/obbba

Official NJ guidance, document guide, FAQs, notices



My Resource Pal

myresourcepal.org

Find local insurance navigators and free services (including low/no-cost health care) by zip code

Source: NJ DMAHS

Overall eligibility changes: nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/obbba/medicaid-federal-changes.shtml

Non-citizen specific eligibility changes: nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/obbba/noncitizen.shtml