

Potential Referrals for Immigrants Losing Benefits Due to H.R.1

Introduction

Congress passed into law House Resolution 1 (HR1) last July. HR1 is also known as One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).

This document lists potential referrals for immigrants who are losing benefits due to HR1 changes to FoodShare and Medicaid eligibility rules.

Refugees

Sites of refugee resettlement in Wisconsin include:

- Appleton (Outagamie County)
- Green Bay (Brown County)
- Eau Claire (Eau Claire County)
- Kenosha (Kenosha County)
- Milwaukee (Milwaukee County)
- Platteville (Grant County)
- Racine (Racine County)
- Wausau (Marathon County)

Refugees that are one year-post arrival in the United States can apply for legal permanent residency (LPR) status; seek legal resources for advice:

dcf.wisconsin.gov/findlegalservices

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FoodShare (SNAP)

Changes

HR1 rendered refugees without legal permanent residence (LPR) (those that do not have a Green Card) ineligible for FoodShare benefits. In Wisconsin, FoodShare changes go into effect in starting July 2026.

Stay informed via Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) webpages:

- [FoodShare: News for Members](#)
- [FoodShare: A Recipe for Good Health](#)

Potential referrals

- Milwaukee
 - Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) Summer Academy: milwaukeepublicschools.org/academics/summer-academy
 - NourishMKE: nourishmke.org/find-food
 - Hunger Taskforce: hungertaskforce.org
- Free food and groceries: feedingamerica.org/need-help-find-food
- Food pantries food connect map: map.thefoodpantries.org
- Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP): dhs.wisconsin.gov/nutrition/tefap
- Feed America, Eastern Wisconsin: feedingamericawi.org

Medicaid

Changes

Individuals that are not pregnant or children (under age 19 or age 21 in an institution) **of these statuses will no longer qualify for Medicaid programs** or financial help through HealthCare.gov starting **October 1, 2026:**

- Deportation (or removal) withheld
- Amerasian
- Foreign-born tribal members
- Refugees
- Asylees
- Parolees
- Conditional Entrants
- Battered non-citizens
- Trafficking victims and certain family members

Educational resources

- [CC MKE video about Medicaid changes](#)
 - Available in 11 languages
 - Provides basic information about upcoming Medicaid changes in Wisconsin that may affect adult refugees without green cards, while children and pregnant women will stay covered
 - Encourages people to apply for a green card, use current benefits, and explore other healthcare options like employer insurance or low-cost clinics.
 - Visit the [Multilingual Parent Video Library](#) for full list of videos
- [Centers on Budget and Policy Priorities' New Immigration-Related Restrictions](#)
- Stay informed via DHS webpages:
 - [ForwardHealth Policy Update Call Series](#)
 - [Medicaid News for Members](#)
 - [Medicaid and FoodShare Partner Resources: Federal Changes](#)

Potential referrals

Health insurance

See if you qualify or can get health insurance from one of these sources.

- BadgerCare Prenatal
 - Covers any pregnant person regardless of immigration status
 - Covers all services through the final month of pregnancy
 - Must meet financial eligibility criteria and be pregnant
- Emergency Services Medicaid
 - Helps pay for healthcare emergencies regardless of immigration status
 - Must meet financial and other eligibility criteria
 - [Emergency Medicaid video \(CCMKE\)](#)
- Employer coverage

(Note: Loss of Medicaid is considered a life event that would allow for enrollment in employer-based insurance outside of an open enrollment period.)
- HealthCare.gov plans without financial assistance (full cost)
 - Contact Covering Wisconsin: 608-261-1455 or 877-942-6837, coveringwi.org/enroll
 - When DHS and/or the Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) come out with more information, CW will provide webinar about the changes and can provide outreach and/or education statewide or with local partners.
- Private health insurance options
- Refugee Medical Assistance
 - Available to refugees, asylees, or certain other immigrants during the first four months after the date of entry
 - Learn more:
 - dcf.wisconsin.gov/refugee/cma
 - acf.gov/orr/programs/refugees/factsheets

Health care

See Covering Wisconsin's Health Options for Immigrants webpage:
coveringwi.org/immigrant-health

- Federally qualified health center (FQHC)
 - There are Sliding Fee Discount Programs under the FQHC option based on the [2026 Federal Poverty Level guidance](#).
 - Patients may access discounted prescriptions through FQHCs.
- Free or reduced-price health clinics
 - Community Health Centers: wphca.org/who-we-serve/find-a-community-health-center
 - Direct primary care providers in Wisconsin: dpcfrontier.com
 - Milwaukee Free and Community Clinic Collaborative (FC3): wifc3.org/clinics
 - Wisconsin Association of Free and Charitable Clinics: wafcclinics.org/find-a-clinic.html
- Large healthcare systems' financial assistance offices and/or health systems' Charity Care programs
 - Financial Assistance Programs in Milwaukee:
 - Aurora Walker's Point Community Clinic (AWPCC) is a medical clinic, providing access to health care for uninsured patients and those who are underserved by the existing health care network in the greater Milwaukee area: aurorahealthcare.org/patients-visitors/billing-payment/financial-assistance
 - Froedtert: froedtert.com/financial-services
 - Ascension: healthcare.ascension.org/financial-assistance

Pharmacy and medication resources

- CostPlusDrugs.com
- Dane County: The St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy: svdpmadison.org/program/pharmacy
(They are not currently accepting new patients, but they said that is temporary until they can extend their hours.)
- GoodRx.com
- Manufacturer patient assistance programs
- NeedyMeds.org