

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO IMMIGRANTS RECEIVING MEDICAID**

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Many people get Medicaid because they are disabled or over age 65 and receive SSI. As you probably know, the federal government is limiting SSI eligibility for many legal immigrants. However, **MOST IMMIGRANTS REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID EVEN IF THEY LOSE THEIR SSI.**

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

It is very important that you mail back the postcard! You should also call the DCAF office. When you call, make a note of the date and time of your call. Be sure to keep the name of the person who took your message.

## WILL I GET A SECOND MEDICAID NOTICE?

You will get a second notice from DCAF. The second notice will tell you whether you are eligible for Medicaid. If the notice says your Medicaid is ending, you have 90 days in which to request a hearing (appeal). However, if you appeal within 10 days of the date of the notice, your Medicaid will continue throughout the hearing. It is important to request a hearing within 10 days to keep your Medicaid coming.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I NEED HELP?

Contact your local legal aid or legal services office. Even if you are not eligible for legal services due to your immigration status, they will tell you where you can get help.

## WHERE CAN I GO FOR HEALTH CARE IF I LOSE MY MEDICAID?

You can go to federally funded community health centers. They are supposed to treat you regardless of your immigration status. Also, many counties in Florida provide health services to all county residents.

## WHAT ABOUT EMERGENCIES?

Medicaid will still cover emergency medical care, including labor and delivery, regardless of INS status.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY MEDICAID IF I LOSE MY SSI?

If your INS status is one of the following, you are eligible to keep your Medicaid:

- ⇒ Lawful permanent resident
- ⇒ Asylee
- ⇒ Refugee
- ⇒ Parolee for more than one year
- ⇒ Non-citizen whose deportation is withheld
- ⇒ Conditional entrant
- ⇒ Certain battered non-citizen women and children

## HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING TO MY MEDICAID?

You will get a notice from the Social Security Administration (SSA) ending your SSI. You will then get a notice from Florida's Department of Children and Families (DCF). This notice will ask if you want your Medicaid to continue. It will have a pre-addressed and stamped postcard.

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