

Health4All Older Adults FAQ

What is Health4All 50+?

*On July 28, Governor Newsom signed into law the removal of immigration status as a barrier to Full-Scope Medi-Cal eligibility for Californians ages 50 and over. This means that **low-income adults ages 50+, regardless of immigration status, will be eligible for comprehensive Medi-Cal health insurance coverage**, making California's health system more equitable and universal for all.*

When will undocumented immigrants ages 50+ be able to access Full-Scope Medi-Cal?

*Implementation of Health4All 50+ is **expected to happen in May 2022**. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is preparing for implementation and their goal remains May 2022.*

How will eligible patients enroll into Full-Scope Medi-Cal?

***Patients who enroll now in Restricted-Scope/Emergency Medi-Cal will automatically be transitioned to full Medi-Cal without further action.** Thus, enrolling in Restricted-Scope Medi-Cal as soon as possible will allow for a timely transition and is a good way for people to ensure they have access to Full-Scope care immediately in May 2022. DHCS is expected to mail notices to this population, and the DHCS website will also be updated with information about implementation in multiple languages.*

For folks not currently enrolled in Medi-Cal, [DHCS has a step-by-step guide](#) on how to apply for Medi-Cal benefits, including links to the paper and online application.

Find a local health center that can help you enroll in Medi-Cal: bit.ly/390NSYc

What services are included in Full-Scope Medi-Cal?

Full-Scope Medi-Cal has comprehensive health benefits including preventative care, dental, vision, and prescription drug coverage, among many others. A full list of services can be found [here](#).

Will accessing Full-Scope Medi-Cal affect the “Public Charge” test?

Accessing Full-Scope Medi-Cal will not count toward the “Public Charge” test. Using Medi-Cal will not negatively affect applications for green cards because the Medi-Cal expansion for older adults is state-funded, not federally funded, AND because the 2019 Public Charge Rule is no longer in effect.

How does Health4All 50+ relate to the repeal of the Medi-Cal Assets test?

California will eliminate the Medi-Cal assets test, which limits seniors and people with disabilities to assets of no more than \$2,000 for individuals and \$3,000 for couples in order to access Medi-Cal, in July 2022. If an undocumented Californian over the age of 65 falls over this asset limit, they may not be able to benefit from Full-Scope Medi-Cal until July 2022.

Will the Full-Scope Medi-Cal coverage retroactively cover previous medical services and/or bills?

Applicants can request retroactive Medi-Cal coverage for up to three months prior to the month of application. For example: A newly-eligible individual who applies for Full-Scope coverage in the month of May 2022 can request coverage up to February 2022.

Why is Health4All implementation taking place in May 2022 and not the beginning of the year?

DHCS is undergoing system upgrades, and that date is the soonest DHCS would be ready to implement older adult expansion.

What is the eligibility criteria for this Medi-Cal expansion?

- *Age 50 or older (ages 25 and younger are already eligible)*
- *Household income under 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). For example, for a household of 4 people, this would be an annual household income of \$36,570 (find information about income requirements [here](#)).*
- *Live in California*
- *Immigration status is NOT a criterion for eligibility. Undocumented individuals are eligible.*