IMMIGRATION STATUS REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAID/FAMIS

Pregnant individuals (any age):



- No citizenship or immigration status restrictions.
- As long as they meet other eligibility requirements, pregnant people qualify regardless of immigration status.

(Immigration status is only used to determine the coverage period for Cardinal Care)

Children under age 19:



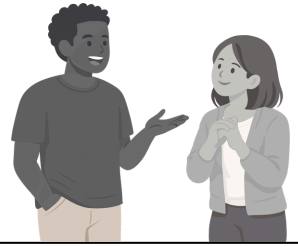
- Must be a US citizen/National or lawfully residing immigrant – almost any lawfully residing immigration status/visa qualifies.
- As long as they meet other requirements, all children who are citizens or lawfully residing immigrants qualify! No waiting periods.

Adults who aren't pregnant, over age 19 (new rules starting Oct 1, 2026):

Non-pregnant adults will need to be a US citizen/National or have one of these three immigration statuses to qualify:

- Lawful Permanent Residents (see below for more info on who has a waiting period and who doesn't)
- Cuban/Haitian Entrants (for their first 7 years in the US)
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants

All other immigration statuses are excluded from full-benefit coverage.



NO WAITING PERIOD - ELIGIBLE IMMEDIATELY	5-YEAR WAITING PERIOD ("5-YEAR BAR")
• Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs, or green card holders) with status for 5 years • LPRs with Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) • LPRs who formerly held refugee status • LPRs who formerly held asylee status • LPRs who formerly held Withholding of Removal status • LPRs who formerly held Ukrainian or Afghan parolee status • LPRs who formerly held Trafficking Victim (T-Visa) status • LPRs who formerly held Amerasian status • LPRs who were previously Cuban/Haitian Entrants • LPRs who are Canadian Native Americans • LPRs on active military duty, veterans, or their immediate relatives	All other LPRs are subject to a 5-year waiting period for Medicaid. For example: green cards obtained through family, employment, Diversity Visas, U-Visas, and more.

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IMPORTANT: No changes to eligibility for children under age 19 or pregnant individuals.