

# DACA Recipients and Health Insurance

## Starting November 1, 2024:

People who have DACA status can enroll in a health insurance plan on HealthCare.gov.

**For coverage starting December 1**, enroll by November 30. Applications submitted after November 30 will have a 2025 start date.

## What is DACA?

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or Dreamers program temporarily grants permission to live and work in the U.S. to some immigrants who arrived as children before age 16.

**It must be renewed every two years and doesn't have a pathway to citizenship.**

## Who can help?

Go to [CoveringWi.org/enroll](https://CoveringWi.org/enroll) or call (877) 942-6837 to find free, expert help from a Navigator. Health Insurance Navigators are grant funded and provide free help to:

- Understand eligibility for health programs for immigrants and mixed status families
- Help with BadgerCare Plus & HealthCare.gov

## DACA recipients in Wisconsin:

- 5,800 live in Wisconsin
- 40% live in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties
- 8 out of 10 work and nearly all pay taxes
- Ages are usually between 22 - 43 years old
- More likely to be uninsured



## Eligibility for financial assistance on HealthCare.gov

Premium Tax Credits lower the monthly cost of the plan depending on household income.

### **\$ Low income**

At 100 % or below the federal poverty level. Will likely qualify for \$0 plans. May qualify for more savings with a Silver plan. This option is for immigrants who don't qualify for Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus.

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### **\$\$ Moderate income**

101% - 250% of the federal poverty level. Will likely qualify for financial help that lowers the cost of the plan. May qualify for more savings with a Silver plan.

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### **\$\$\$ Middle income**

251% - 400% of the federal poverty level. Will likely qualify for financial help that lowers the cost of the plan.

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### **\$\$\$\$ High income**

Over 400% of the federal poverty level. May qualify for financial help that lowers the cost of the plan during 2025. Nobody will pay more than 8.5% of their income.

## What to know when applying:

- People must agree to file a federal income tax return to be eligible for financial assistance.
- Financial assistance from HealthCare.gov will not impact DACA eligibility or renewal, immigration status, or future ability to adjust one's status.
- Information on the application can only be used by HealthCare.gov.
- **Most immigrant statuses are eligible for plans** on HealthCare.gov. Scan the QR code for a full list of all immigration statuses.

