

# Health Care Coverage for All Regardless of Immigration Status

## What's new for 2024



Starting November 2023, anyone living in Washington State, regardless of immigration status, is able to buy health insurance through Washington Healthplanfinder, the state's health insurance marketplace.

Open Enrollment (Nov. 1 - Jan. 15) is a time when people can sign up for health insurance for themselves and their families for the following year. Choices include Cascade and Cascade Select, two types of affordable health plans to help you pay less at the doctor's office. People who choose a Cascade or Cascade Select Silver or Gold plan may be able to get state savings to lower their monthly cost (premium).

Here are just some of the services that health insurance like Cascade and Cascade Select helps pay for:



**Primary care  
doctor visits**



**Managing high  
blood pressure**



**Mental health**



**Diabetes care**



**Pregnancy care**



**Prescription drugs**

## Health Insurance Does Not Affect Immigration Status or Citizenship Applications

Applying for or receiving health care insurance or receiving state savings does not make someone a "public charge.\*" This means having Cascade or Cascade Select health insurance will not affect a person's immigration status or their citizenship application, or that of their family or anyone living with them.

*\*"Public Charge" describes a person applying for permanent residency or permission to enter the U.S. who could depend on the U.S. government as their main source of support in the future.*

## Where can I get help?

Health insurance can be confusing. Call a friendly Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW) team member if you have questions or need help applying: **1-833-993-0181** (TTY: 711), 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.