

## APPLYING FOR MEDICAID AND OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

### Medicaid

Most New Yorkers who are under age 65 can enroll in Medicaid through the New York State of Health Marketplace online at <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/> or over the phone at 1-855-355-5777.

New Yorkers who are over the age of 65, receive Medicare, are certified disabled, and/or receive certain cash benefits like Social Security Disability, SSI, or Public Assistance must submit a paper application to the New York City Human Resources Administration.

- The application can be downloaded online at <https://www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-4220.pdf>, you may also need to fill out a supplement, which can be downloaded at <https://www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-4495a.pdf>
- Or you can call the HRA Medicaid Helpline at 888-692-6116 and ask for an application to be mailed to you.
- Once you complete your application, you can submit it via:
  - fax to 917-639-0732 (*this is the preferred method*);
  - mail to Mail in Unit, MICSA, 505 Clermont Ave., 5<sup>th</sup> Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11238;
  - dropbox located outside of any HRA's open Medicaid offices. ,

For all Medicaid applications: Because of the COVID-19 Emergency, New York State has waived many of the documentation requirements for Medicaid applications. **You do not need to submit documents with your Medicaid application except for proof(s) of identity and citizenship/immigration status. You still must submit proof of identity and citizenship/immigration status. However, if you need time to submit this proof, you will have at least 90 days to submit proof of identity and citizenship/immigration status after submitting your application.**

Remember, you must still truthfully and fully answer all questions on the application about your income and other circumstances, including any unemployment benefits you may be receiving. \*Please note, any Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (i.e., an additional \$600/week in addition to your regular unemployment benefits) you receive via The CARES Act will not count towards your income for purposes of determining Medicaid eligibility. Additionally, any Economic Impact Payment/Recovery Rebate you may receive via The CARES Act will not count as income for purposes of Medicaid.

### Other Health Insurance

#### **Essential Plan, Child Health Plus**

If you are not eligible for Medicaid, because of your immigration status or income, for example, you can still contact the New York State of Health Marketplace online at <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/> or over the phone at 1-855-355-5777 to find out whether you are eligible for and to enroll in the Essential Plan or Child Health Plus, two other free or low-cost health insurance programs. These programs are open for enrollment year-round.

### **Qualified Health Plans**

Uninsured New Yorkers who are not eligible for public health insurance programs can enroll in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) on the New York State of Health Marketplace online at <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/> or over the phone at 1-855-355-5777, or directly through an insurer. Anyone who loses health insurance (for any reason other than not paying premiums) has a 60 day Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a QHP. In addition, there is a Special Enrollment Period **until June 15** during which anyone can enroll.

A Note for Undocumented Immigrants: Many immigrants in New York State are eligible for full Medicaid coverage, including some immigrants who are currently undocumented but have applied to adjust status. However, even those immigrants who are not eligible for full Medicaid can apply for Emergency Medicaid through either the New York State of Health Marketplace or the New York City Human Resources Administration. Emergency Medicaid covers emergency conditions and includes coverage for testing, evaluation, and treatment of COVID-19.