

Doctors and nurses care about your health, not your immigration status. Patients can seek care with confidence that their personal information is private. Immigration agencies also have a policy of avoiding enforcement actions in health care facilities like hospitals, health clinics, urgent care and doctors' offices.



Health care workers should not ask for immigration status information. Hospital emergency rooms must help anyone who needs emergency services and community health centers also must help anyone. They will treat you whether or not you have insurance, money or immigration documents. If someone asks you about health insurance, you can say "I am not eligible for health insurance and do not want to apply."

It is safe and smart to see the doctor and to go to the emergency room if you need care. Your health care provider will honor your right to privacy. You will not be asked about your immigration status, unless you apply for insurance. Your immigration status should not be a barrier to receiving care.

Everyone has a right to an interpreter when seeking health care or applying for health insurance. You have a right to an interpreter at no cost when seeking care at a hospital or community health center. Hospitals and community health centers may use bilingual staff, telephone interpretation services, or qualified in-person interpreters to provide assistance to patients. You also have a right to an interpreter at no cost when you apply for Medicaid, CHIP, or an ACA plan.

Hospitals or doctors may ask for a photo ID to show that the person getting treatment is the same person listed on medical records or a prescription. If you do not have a photo ID, you can say "I am in need of medical care but do not have a photo ID."

You can still get health care without insurance. This includes emergency room care, community health centers, migrant health centers, free clinics, and public hospitals. You have options.

- To find a health center: <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>
- Buscar un centro de salud: <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/widgetspanish/>
- To find a free or charitable clinic, go to: www.nafcclinics.org/find-clinic