

Immigration Status	Considered Satisfactory Immigration Status (SIS)	Adult Expansion Enrollment Freeze* Applies (2026)	Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS) Dental Benefit Removal* (2026)	UIS Monthly Premium* Applies (2027)
Adults (19+), who are not pregnant, who are undocumented, without an immigration status or who are unable to verify their status (for example, undocumented Californians)	No	Yes	Yes (only for members in full coverage Medi-Cal)	Yes (only for members in full coverage Medi-Cal)
Youth (under 19) or pregnant individuals without an immigration status or who are unable to verify their status (for example, undocumented Californians)	No	No	No	No
Green Card Holders (not exempt from or have not met the five-year waiting period)	No	No	Yes	Yes
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Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Recipients	No	No	Yes	Yes
Refugees and Asylees	Yes	No	No	No
Cuban/Haitian Entrants	Yes	No	No	No
Compact of Free Association (COFA)	Yes	No	No	No
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petitioner	Yes	No	No	No
Battered Immigrants (non-VAWA categories) (not exempt from or have not met the five-year waiting period)	No	No	Yes	Yes

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Battered Immigrants (non-VAWA categories) (exempt from or have met the five-year waiting period)	Yes	No	No	No
Asylum Applicant with Work Authorization	No (unless under 21)	Yes (if over 20)	Yes (only for members in full-scope Medi-Cal)	Yes (only for members in full-scope Medi-Cal)
Paroled into U.S. Less Than One Year	No	No	Yes	Yes
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Temporary Protected Status Holders	No (unless under 21)	Yes (if over 20)	Yes (only for members in full-scope Medi-Cal)	Yes (only for members in full-scope Medi-Cal)
Pending Special Immigrant Juvenile Status	No (unless under 21)	Yes (if over 20)	Yes (only for members in full-scope Medi-Cal)	Yes (only for members in full-scope Medi-Cal)
U Visa Applicants	No	No	Yes	Yes
U Visa Holder (Crime Victim)	Yes	No	No	No

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Visitor/Student/Work Visa Holder	No (unless under 21)	Yes (if over 20)	Yes (only for members in full-scope Medi-Cal)	Yes (only for members in full-scope Medi-Cal)
Deferred Enforced Departure	No (unless under 21)	Yes (if over 20)	Yes (only for members in full-scope Medi-Cal)	Yes (only for members in full-scope Medi-Cal)
Citizens of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, or Palau	Yes	No	No	No

\*Adult Expansion Enrollment Freeze, UIS Dental Benefit Removal, and UIS Monthly Premiums do not apply to youth (under 19) or pregnant individuals.

## Definitions

California uses the terms Satisfactory Immigration Status (SIS) and Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS) to determine the scope of benefits for which you're eligible.

If you have SIS, you may qualify for full coverage Medi-Cal benefits, including regular doctor visits, mental health care, dental, vision, and more.

If you have UIS, it means your current immigration situation doesn't meet the requirements for full benefits, either because your status isn't one of the accepted categories or because it hasn't been verified. In that case, you may still qualify for restricted coverage Medi-Cal, which covers emergency or pregnancy-related services.

If you are already enrolled in full scope Medi-Cal, you will stay covered no matter your immigration status as long as you complete your annual renewal. Make sure to renew and use your benefits!

## SIS

You are considered to have SIS if:

- » You are a U.S. citizen or national, OR
- » You are a non-citizen who has an immigration status that allows eligibility for federally funded full coverage Medi-Cal. Examples include:
  - Lawful Permanent Residents (Green Card holders) who are exempt from or who have met the 5-year waiting period.
  - Refugees and asylees

## UIS

You are considered to have UIS if you do not claim or cannot verify one of the recognized immigration statuses that qualify for federally funded full coverage Medi-Cal. Examples include:

- » You do not have a status or do not have an immigration status recognized by Medi-Cal.
- » You have DACA.
- » You are in the U.S. on a visitor visa, student visa, or temporary work visa (unless under age 21).
- » You have applied for a U visa (but it hasn't been granted yet).
- » You were paroled into the U.S. for less than one year