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June 17, 2025

**OF INTEREST TO**

County Directors

Social Services Supervisors and  
Staff

Financial Assistance Supervisor  
and Workers

Tribal Chairperson and Tribal  
Health Directors

Navigators, Certified  
Application Counselors and  
Brokers

**ACTION/DUE DATE**

Implement policies in this  
bulletin effective June 15, 2025

**EXPIRATION DATE**

June 17, 2027

## DHS Announces MinnesotaCare Eligibility Changes for Certain Undocumented Individuals

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### TOPIC

Changes in MinnesotaCare eligibility and enrollment for adult  
Minnesotans who are undocumented.

### PURPOSE

This bulletin announces state law changes that limit MinnesotaCare  
enrollment for undocumented Minnesotans age 18 or older and end  
their MinnesotaCare eligibility and coverage at the end of the year.

### CONTACT

Submit policy questions to HealthQuest. Direct all other questions to  
the following address:

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### SIGNED



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Department of Human Services

### TERMINOLOGY NOTICE

The terminology used to describe people we serve has changed over  
time. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the  
use of "People First" language.

## I. Background

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On November 7, 2024, the Department of Human Services (hereafter referred to as “DHS” or “we”) published [Bulletin #24-21-10](#), announcing the expansion of MinnesotaCare eligibility to include people who are undocumented. Starting January 1, 2025, Minnesotans who met MinnesotaCare eligibility factors were eligible for state-only funded MinnesotaCare, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status. Coverage is delivered on a fee-for-service basis for this population.

The 2025 Minnesota legislature amended state law to change MinnesotaCare eligibility for individuals who are undocumented. Beginning June 15, 2025, MinnesotaCare is no longer available to new applicants who are age 18 or older. Undocumented individuals who are age 18 or older who were enrolled in MinnesotaCare on June 15, 2025, may remain eligible for MinnesotaCare through December 31, 2025, as long as they continue to meet all other MinnesotaCare eligibility factors.

The changes described in this bulletin apply only to MinnesotaCare. Children under age 18 years of age who meet MinnesotaCare eligibility factors continue to be eligible for MinnesotaCare, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status. Coverage for undocumented individuals under age 18 continues to be state-only funded and delivered on a fee-for-service basis. For MinnesotaCare, an individual is considered age 18 the month following their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## II. MinnesotaCare Applicants

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For applications processed on and after June 15, 2025, among other eligibility criteria to qualify for MinnesotaCare, applicants must be:

- a United States (U.S.) citizen or U.S. national (For the remainder of this bulletin, the term “U.S. citizen” refers to either a U.S. citizen or U.S. national),
- a lawfully present noncitizen, as defined in the Minnesota Health Care Programs Eligibility Policy Manual (EPM) at [Appendix H, Lawfully Present Noncitizens](#),
- a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) grantee, or
- an undocumented individual under age 18.

Beginning June 15, 2025, MinnesotaCare is no longer available to undocumented applicants age 18 or older.

## III. MinnesotaCare Enrollees who are Undocumented Adults

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### A. Eligibility prior to December 31, 2025

For undocumented individuals age 18 or older who were enrolled in MinnesotaCare on June 15, 2025, MinnesotaCare eligibility may continue through December 31, 2025, as long as they continue to meet all other eligibility factors. Enrollees must continue to report changes in circumstances that could affect

their eligibility such as changes in their income, state residency, access to or enrollment in employer-sponsored insurance, or immigration status. Eligibility must be redetermined based on reported changes.

MinnesotaCare eligibility and coverage may end prior to December 31, 2025, for a variety of reasons including but not limited to:

- a change in circumstance that results in ineligibility (e.g., increase in income above 200% of federal poverty guidelines, no longer a Minnesota resident, access to or enrollment in employer-sponsored insurance, etc.),
- failure to respond to a request for information or to resolve a Periodic Data Matching (PDM) discrepancy, or
- failure to resolve requested verification by the end of a Reasonable Opportunity Period (ROP) or any extension of ROP.

All standard MinnesotaCare eligibility policies continue to apply. See Minnesota Health Care Programs Eligibility Policy Manual (EPM) [Chapter 3 MinnesotaCare](#).

Failure to pay a premium does not impact an enrollee's eligibility for MinnesotaCare but results in the loss of MinnesotaCare coverage. See EPM [Section 3.1.2.2 MinnesotaCare Premiums and Cost Sharing](#).

## B. MinnesotaCare Eligibility Ends December 31, 2025

MinnesotaCare eligibility and coverage ends December 31, 2025, for all enrollees who are undocumented and age 18 or older. Enrollees will be mailed a 10-days advance notice of closure.

Beginning January 1, 2026, MinnesotaCare eligibility and coverage will end for enrollees who are undocumented and who turn age 18 while enrolled, effective at the end of the month of the enrollee's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Enrollees will be mailed a 10-days advance notice of closure.

**Example:** Angel is 17 years old and undocumented. She has been enrolled in MinnesotaCare since January 2025. Angel's 18th birthday is May 8, 2026. Angel qualifies for MinnesotaCare, as long as she continues to meet MinnesotaCare eligibility requirements, through the end of the day May 31, 2026.

## IV. Minnesota Health Care Programs Coverage Options

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The following coverage options remain available for undocumented Minnesotans including adults age 18 or older.

- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funded Medical Assistance (MA) is available during pregnancy and through the 12-month postpartum period for people who are undocumented or are noncitizens not otherwise eligible for MA, and who meet program eligibility criteria. People who are undocumented, pregnant and currently enrolled in MinnesotaCare should report the pregnancy to their processing agency. Those not enrolled can apply online at [www.mnsure.org](http://www.mnsure.org) or with the paper

[Application for Health Coverage and Help Paying Costs \(DHS-6696\) \(PDF\)](#). See CHIP-Funded Pregnant Person under EPM [Section 2.2.2.1.2](#) for more information.

- Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA) covers emergency care services for Minnesota residents who meet financial and other requirements for MA, but are not eligible for MA due to their immigration status, including undocumented people. EMA pays for a medical emergency treated in an emergency room or hospital and other services in certain situations. For more information including how to apply, see [Emergency Medical Assistance](#).

## IV. Action Required

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County, tribal and DHS workers must follow the policies outlined in this bulletin and instructions issued in advance of, and following, the publication of this bulletin.

## V. Legal Authority

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Laws of Minnesota 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 2

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