

All New York children under the age of 19 can get health insurance regardless of their immigration status or income. Children of immigrants are nearly twice as likely to be uninsured as are children of non-immigrant families.

It is important that your child is enrolled in a health insurance plan for regular check ups and care if they get sick or hurt.

What are the benefits of health insurance?

Health Care

- **Preventive care** and routine check ups to make sure children are healthy year after year. This includes
 - Vaccines
 - Screenings
 - Well-child visits
 - Referrals to other specialists
- **Care of chronic illness** to help children manage conditions like asthma.
- **Care of acute illness** in case children become ill or get hurt. If needed, this includes
 - Hospitalizations
 - Emergency services
- **Other services**
 - Pediatric oral and vision care
 - Prescription medications

Value

- **More affordable care.** Insurance protects you from unexpected, high medical costs if your child becomes ill or gets hurt.
- **Yearly check ups at no cost** with your Primary Care Provider
- **Avoid possible government penalties** due to lack of health insurance.

Does applying for insurance impact immigration status?

- The information you provide in your health insurance application will be kept private.
- Applying for health insurance should not impact individual status or risk deportation.