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Medi-Cal Older Adult Expansion

What is Medi-Cal?

Medi-Cal is a state health care program for people with low incomes. Medi-Cal is run by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). In Orange County, CalOptima is the Medi-Cal provider.

What is the Medi-Cal Older Adult Expansion?

On May 1, 2022, a new law went into effect that allows all eligible people living in California who are 50 years old or older to get free full-scope Medi-Cal.

Immigration status does not matter. Under this new law, people can qualify for Medi-Cal even if they are undocumented.

What is full-scope Medi-Cal?

Full scope Medi-Cal is health insurance that covers all types of care including:

- Medical
- Medicine
- Dental
- Mental health
- Family planning
- Foot care
- Hearing aids
- Vision (eye) care
- Referrals to specialists
- Transportation to appointments
- Services to help you get care in your home such as in-Home Supportive Services if you need help with daily activities
- Treatment for alcohol and drug use

Californians ages 50 or older may qualify for more Medi-Cal benefits.

Contact your local county office today.



Will Medi-Cal hurt my immigration status?

No. Enrolling in Medi-Cal **will not affect** your current or future immigration status.

When does Medi-Cal enrollment open?

Medi-Cal enrollment is open all year.

Do I qualify for Medi-Cal?

Medi-Cal eligibility is based mainly on your income. You can check your Medi-Cal eligibility by looking at the Medi-Cal qualifying income information chart on the following webpage:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/DoYouQualifyForMedi-Cal.aspx>

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to see if you
qualify

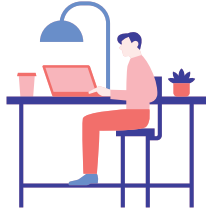


ENROLLING IN MEDI-CAL

For Orange County residents, there are multiple ways to apply for Medi-Cal:

(The application and assistance with completing the application is available in multiple languages such as Spanish and Vietnamese.)

Apply Online



Covered California has a partnership with the California Department of Health Care Services. Medi-Cal and Covered California use the same application. Visit www.coveredca.com to apply online.

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For one (1) application that can be used to apply for several assistance programs (for Medi-Cal, CalWorks and CalFresh), visit www.mybenefitscalwin.org

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assistance programs



Apply by Mail



Apply for Medi-Cal with a single application, provided in English and other languages. To download and print an application, visit: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/SingleStreamApps.aspx>

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Apply in Person



The Orange County Social Services Agency can help you apply for Medi-Cal. To start the process, find your closest Social Services Regional Center. For a list of offices, visit: <https://ssa.ocgov.com/about-us/office-locations/office-location-list>

You should be prepared to spend at least two (2) hours to complete your application and be prepared to bring required documents.

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of offices



Apply by Phone



Call the Orange County Social Services Agency during business hours Monday–Friday from 7:00am–5:00pm at 1-800-281-9799.

RESOURCES

DHCS: Medi-Cal Older Adult Expansion

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/OlderAdultExpansion.aspx>

DHCS: Medi-Cal Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals>

CalOptima: How to Enroll in Medi-Cal

<https://www.caloptima.org/en/ForMembers/Medi-Cal/HowToEnroll>

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