

EMERGENCY MEDICAID

YOUR INFORMATION GUIDE



While **Medicaid** is for US citizens and some other groups of non-citizens, **Emergency Medicaid** is for everyone in Colorado who does not have health insurance and cannot afford health care on their own. Emergency Medicaid only pays for emergency health care services, not routine health care services, but is an important resource available to you and your family.

WHEN SHOULD YOU USE EMERGENCY MEDICAID?

If you are undocumented and uninsured, you should enroll in Emergency Medicaid at any Emergency Room when you have a serious medical emergency:

- Traumatic injuries, such as broken bones or large cuts
- Labor and delivery
- Medical issues that could severely harm a patient's body part, overall health, or ability to function
- Kidney dialysis and other time-sensitive health care services
- **COVID-19 symptoms or a positive diagnosis ← NEW**

Emergency Medicaid now covers hospitalization and some follow-up care for COVID-19. If you suspect you or a family member may have it, call the 24hr Medicaid Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-283-3221 (English and Spanish). If they confirm that your symptoms could be COVID-19, go to an Emergency Room for testing and ask to enroll in Emergency Medicaid.

If you are experiencing any of these emergency warning signs for COVID-19, seek medical care immediately.

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

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- 1** Emergency Medicaid will pay for all of your emergency health care.
- 2** Use of Emergency Medicaid is not subject to the **Public Charge test**, if you are applying for a green card or may apply in the future.
- 3** The information you provide when enrolling in Emergency Medicaid will only be used to ensure your eligibility—it will not be shared with other agencies without a warrant.

It is very important that you do not avoid or delay emergency health care—for your health, your family's health, and the health of your whole community.