



# Health Insurance for everyone

## Enrollment starts **NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

*Regardless of your immigration status, you can buy health and dental insurance if you live in Washington State.*

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Question?**

**What does expanded health care access mean?**

Starting November 1, 2023, everyone who lives in Washington State will have the opportunity to purchase health insurance and a dental plan, regardless of their immigration status, with coverage effective in 2024.

**Question?**

**I am undocumented. Is my information safe?**

Your information will not be shared with Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE). Federal and State laws protect the privacy of residents who apply for health insurance.

**Question?**

**Will getting health insurance make me a public charge?**

No. Applying for health insurance and receiving financial assistance to purchase insurance does not make someone a public charge.

**Question?**

**Will getting health insurance affect my immigration status or citizenship application?**

No. It won't affect your immigration status or your ability to get a green card.

**Question?**

**How do you purchase the insurance?**

You can apply online at [wahealthplanfinder.org](https://wahealthplanfinder.org)

**Question?****Is the insurance free?**

No. You'll have to pay a monthly premium, annual deductible, co-pays, and co-insurance.

**Monthly premium:** The amount you pay each month for your insurance plan.

**Deductible:** It's the amount you must spend on your health care before your insurance company starts to share the cost.

**Co-Insurance:** It's your share of the cost of a covered health care service. You start to pay co-insurance after you have paid your health insurance deductible.

**Co-Pay:** It's the amount you pay for a certain covered service. Like going to see your medical provider or getting a prescription.

**Question?****What is preventive health care?**

Preventive services are paid for by your health insurance at little or no cost to you. This includes annual examinations, flu shots, mammograms, colonoscopy, COVID vaccines and more.

**Question?****Is there any financial help available to pay for the monthly premiums?**

Yes. If you enroll into a Cascade Care Health Insurance Plan, you can receive financial assistance to help pay your premiums. You must meet income guidelines. Clients who are not eligible for any kind of financial assistance can receive up to \$250.00 per month, per person that is applied towards their health insurance premium.

**Question?****What is Cascade Care?**

Cascade Care insurance plans offer more coverage before you must meet a deductible. For services like doctor visits, urgent care, & generic prescriptions, you pay a co-pay and don't have to meet a deductible.

**Question?****How do I apply?**

You can apply online at [www.wahealthplanfinder.org](http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org). Or you can contact Public Health-Seattle & King County to receive assistance from a Health Insurance Navigator.

**Question?****Is language assistance available?**

Yes. Our Health Insurance Navigators speak several languages, and we have access to interpretation services.

