NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid Non-citizen Eligibility Guide

If you are an immigrant or non-citizen and a New Jersey resident, changes in federal rules under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) may affect your access to health insurance, including NJ FamilyCare.

IMPORTANT: The new law **does not change** NJ FamilyCare rules for non-citizen children under 19 or pregnant individuals.

This Guide Explains:

- Who may qualify for NJ FamilyCare
- Which immigration statuses are eligible
- Eligibility changes starting **October 1, 2026**
- Documents that prove NJ FamilyCare immigration eligibility

Important:

- Eligibility depends on your individual situation.
- This guide is for general information only.
- If you believe you are still eligible for NJ FamilyCare, please respond to all requests for information.
- We encourage you to speak with a trusted community organization or legal services provider to understand your options.

Mixed Status Families: Parents who do not qualify for benefits because of their own immigration status can still apply for their children. Only the family members requesting NJ FamilyCare must provide citizenship or immigration information and their social security number (if they have one). Other family members who are not applying do *not* have to provide citizenship or immigration information.

Please respond to all NJ FamilyCare mail right away. Your application can be denied if you do not respond.

If you have questions or need help filling out the NJ FamilyCare application, call 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711) for assistance.

Please note: All information in this document is based on federal guidance as of June 1, 2026. Additional federal guidance may result in changes. This guide will be updated when new information is received.

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Non-citizens who may continue to qualify include:	Non-citizens who may NOT continue to qualify include:

• Lawful Permanent Resident (green card holder) of at least 5 years calculated from date of grant of qualifying immigration status
• Non-citizens that are in one of the following groups and who have adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident, regardless of date of adjustment
  ○ Refugees
  ○ Asylees
  ○ Victims of trafficking and their spouse, child, sibling, or parents
  ○ Lawfully residing veterans/active-duty service members and certain family members
  ○ Amerasian immigrants
  ○ Iraqi and Afghani grantees of Special Immigrant Visas (SIV) or SI/SQ Parolees
  ○ Afghan Nationals granted parole between July 31, 2021, and September 30, 2023
  ○ Individuals who were paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024, under the Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole (UHP) program
  ○ People whose deportation is being withheld
• Cuban/Haitian Entrants
• Compacts of Free Association (COFA) migrants, which includes Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Palau
• Lawfully present pregnant people
• Lawfully present non-citizens who are under the age of 21
• Children under 19, regardless of their immigration status
	• Non-citizens in the following groups who have **not** adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident status
	  ○ Victims of domestic violence, applying under the U.S. under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
	  ○ Temporary humanitarian parolees (those paroled into the U.S. for at least one year)
	  ○ Refugees
	  ○ Asylees
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	  ○ Lawfully residing veterans/active-duty service members and certain family members
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NJ FamilyCare Immigration Eligibility Chart (Starting October 1, 2026)

See details in "NJ FamilyCare Eligible Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) Exempt from the 5-year Waiting Period" table for details on additional groups who are eligible after adjusting to Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status.

Category	**Who This Applies To**	**Documents** (Provide as many documents as possible)	**Important Notes**
U.S. Citizens (Born or Derived)	Born in the U.S., Born Abroad	• U.S. Birth Certificate • Consular report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) • Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (N-560 or N-561) • U.S. Passport	• Provide at least one document
U.S. Citizens (Naturalized)	Naturalized U.S. Citizens	• Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570) • U.S. Passport	• Provide at least one document
U.S. Nationals	U.S. Nationals	• U.S. passport, birth certificate from American Samoa, or Certificate of Non-Citizen Nationality (N-561)	• Provide at least one document
Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs)	Lawful Permanent Resident (green card holder) of at least 5 years calculated from date of grant of qualifying immigration status	• Green Card (I-551) • Passport with I-551 stamp • I-797C approval of LPR status	• Usually subject to 5-year wait (calculated from the date of receipt of qualifying immigration status); exceptions apply (see the next table)
Compact of Free Association (COFA) Migrants	Compacts of Free Association (COFA) migrants, which includes Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Palau	• Passport from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), or Republic of Palau • I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) showing COFA admission • Employment Authorization Document (EAD), if issued	

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Cuban / Haitian Entrants	Individuals with Cuban/Haitian entrant or parole status	• Immigration Document o I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) showing parole or Cuban Haitian entrant status o Employment Authorization Document (EAD) marked C08 or C11 o I-862 (Notice to Appear) o I-830 Notice to Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR): Alien Address o 1-797C Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal o I-220A Order of Release on Recognizance • Proof of Nationality o Birth Certificate o Passport with Cuban or Haitian entrance stamp	• Must provide proof of immigration status **and** nationality
Pregnant or Under Age 21	• Lawfully present pregnant people • Lawfully present non-citizens who are under the age of 21 • Children under 19, regardless of their immigration status	• Green Card (I-551) • Employment Authorization Document (EAD), if issued • I-94 (arrival record) • U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) receipt or Notice of Action (I-797) • Refugee Travel Document • Any document that proves lawfully present status	• Children under 19 can apply even if you do not have immigration documents

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NJ FamilyCare Eligible Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) Exempt from the 5-year Waiting Period

All categories listed below must have adjusted to LPR status to be eligible. Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) and Green Cards/LPR Cards contain letter and number codes in the center of the card that help identify your immigration status.

Category	Immigration Status	Documents (Provide as many documents as possible)	Important Notes
Refugees who have adjusted to LPR	Refugees who have adjusted status to Lawful Permanent Resident, regardless of date of adjustment	• Proof of LPR status • Refugee Travel Document • Employment Authorization Document (EAD) marked A3 or A4	• Refugee classification may appear on past immigration documents
Asylees who have adjusted to LPR	Individuals granted asylum who have adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident, regardless of date of adjustment	• Proof of LPR status • Employment Authorization Document (EAD) marked A5 • Order granting asylum • I-551 marked “AS”	• Asylum classification may be listed on I-551 or approval notice
Trafficking Survivors & Family who have adjusted to LPR	Victims of trafficking and their spouse, child, sibling, or parents who have adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident, regardless of date of adjustment	• Proof of LPR status • Employment Authorization Document (EAD) marked A16 • I-797 approval notice • I-551 coded ST6	• Category may be identified by document code (ST6)
Military Members, Veterans & Family who have adjusted to LPR	Lawfully residing veterans/active-duty service members and certain family members who have adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident, regardless of date of adjustment	• Proof of LPR status • Green Form DD-2 marked "active" • DD-214 indicating honorable discharge • I-797 Notice of Action indicating T2, T3, T4 or T5 status • I-766 EAD marked C25 • I-551 coded ST7, ST8, ST 9 or ST0	• Military or dependent status may be shown on supporting documents
Amerasian Immigrants who have adjusted to LPR	Amerasian immigrants who have adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident, regardless of date of adjustment	• Proof of LPR status • Form I-551 coded AM1, AM2, or AM3	• Category is identified by I-551 code

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Iraqi & Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Holders who have adjusted to LPR	• Iraqi and Afghani grantees of Special Immigrant Visas (SIV) or SI/SQ Parolees who have adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident, regardless of date of adjustment	• Proof of LPR status • Form I-94 • Iraqi or Afghan passport with an immigrant visa marked SIV, Conditional Permanent Resident (CPR), or Settlement and Integration Program (SIP)	• Visa classification may appear in passport
Afghan parolees who have adjusted to LPR	• Afghan Nationals granted parole between July 31, 2021, and September 30, 2023, who have adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident, regardless of date of adjustment	• Proof of LPR status • Form I-94 indicating “parole” or “212(d)(5)” • Employment Authorization Document (EAD) marked C11 • Afghan passport	• Parole classification may appear on I-94 or passport
Ukrainian Parolees who have adjusted to LPR	Individuals who were paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024, under the Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole (UHP) program and who have adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident, regardless of date of adjustment	• Proof of LPR status • Form I-94 indicating “parole” or “212(d)(5)” • Employment Authorization Document (EAD) marked C11 • Passport marked U4U or UHP	• Parole classification may appear on I-94 or passport
Withholding of Removal who have adjusted to LPR	People whose deportation was being withheld who are LPRs and who have adjusted to Lawful Permanent Resident, regardless of date of adjustment	• Proof of LPR status • Employment Authorization Document (EAD) marked A10 or C10 • Immigration court order	• Court order may be used to verify status

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