



State of Vermont
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Public Notice – New Program

July 1, 2022
FINAL

Immigrant Health Insurance Plan (IHIP)

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has implemented a new program to offer health insurance to Vermonters who are not eligible for Dr. Dynasaur because of their immigration status. Dr. Dynasaur is Medicaid for children and pregnant women in Vermont. Effective July 1, 2022, the Immigrant Health Insurance Plan (IHIP) provides health coverage to children under age 19 and pregnant individuals who meet specific criteria. The program offers coverage to a vulnerable population who have faced significant legal and financial barriers to accessing health care.

[Act 48 of 2021](#) directed AHS to provide hospital, medical, dental and prescription drug coverage to children under age 19 and pregnant individuals who meet the following criteria:

1. are Vermont residents,
2. are not eligible for Medicaid because of their immigration status,
3. have household income that does not exceed the income standard for Medicaid eligibility,
and
4. are otherwise uninsured.

For more information about IHIP in Spanish and English, including ways to apply, visit the [Immigrant Health Insurance Plan page](#) on the Department of Vermont Health Access website. This page will be updated as more information and resources become available.

Effective Date:

July 1, 2022

Authority/Legal Basis:

33 V.S.A. § 2092

Population Affected:

Children under age 19 and pregnant individuals who have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available (except for Emergency Medicaid).

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$1.4 million.

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