

## **Afghan Evacuees Can Apply for Medicaid and Other Health Insurance Now.**

**If you don't speak or read English**, call Customer Service for free at **1-855-899-9600**. We are open from 8 AM to 4:30 PM Monday to Friday. You can get free interpreters on the phone. Tell us if you need notices or other information written in your language.

**A refugee resettlement agency will help you apply.** Call US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) at **802-655-1963**. Or call Joe Wiah at **240-731-9211** or email him at [jwiah@ecdCUS.org](mailto:jwiah@ecdCUS.org) at Ethiopian Community Development Council Multicultural Community Center (ECDC-MCC). This page tells them things they need to know to apply for you. Click [here](#) to get a copy of this page you can keep or print.

**Most Evacuees can get Medicaid.** But evacuees **must** meet income and all other rules that are not about immigration status.

- If approved, Medicaid starts on the first day of the month the application was received.
- Do they have unpaid medical bills? Medicaid can sometimes go back for up to 3 months. But they must meet the rules, including living in Vermont.

**What if they can't get Medicaid?** If they meet the rules, they may get:

- **Refugee Medicaid Assistance** – covers the same health care services as Medicaid. It starts the month they move to Vermont and lasts for 8 months.
- A **Qualified Health Plan** – is private health insurance through Vermont Health Connect. They may also get help paying for their health insurance.

## **How to Apply for Health Insurance for Afghan Evacuees.**

**Are you at a refugee resettlement agency and helping an Afghan Evacuee apply?**

1. Use the **Application for Health Coverage and Help Paying Costs (205ALLMED)**. You can find the application at <https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/Members/205ALLMED%20Non-LTC.pdf>.
  - Download it and fill it out. Both you and the applicant must sign it.
2. When filling out the application, consider:
  - **Social Security Number** (Step 2, Question 7) – If the person doesn't have a Social Security Number, leave these questions blank.
  - **Questions about filing taxes** (Step 2, Question 8) – If they get a Qualified Health Plan, they may get help paying for it. **BUT** they must say they will be filing a U.S. income tax return. They must file jointly if married.
  - **Eligible immigration status** (Step 2, Question 14) – Answer "yes."

## After the application is filled out.

1. Please do **NOT** mail the application.
2. Print the application. After both you and the applicant sign it, scan it.
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4. Send a secure email to: [AHS.DVHAHAEUTier3@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.DVHAHAEUTier3@vermont.gov).
  - In the subject line, put “Afghan Evacuee application.”
  - Attach the scan of the **signed** application.
  - Attach copies of **immigration documents** for each person who is applying. Acceptable documents include the I-94 (arrival/departure record card) or a stamped passport.
  - Attach **Appendix A** to be the person’s authorized representative. This will let us talk to you about their health benefits.
  - Include the **case manager’s email**. We will contact you with application questions and eligibility results. We will also tell you of any next steps that might be needed.

## Have questions?

Need more information? Email **Nathan Byrne** at [Nathan.Byrne@Vermont.gov](mailto:Nathan.Byrne@Vermont.gov). You can also call Nathan at **802-871-3932**. To get the **fastest response**, please send an email. Phone messages are not checked daily.