

Essential Plan Coverage for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACAs)

August 2024

WHAT IS DACA AND WHAT IS CHANGING?

- DACA is a federal rule which protects certain undocumented immigrants from being deported.
- These immigrants came to the U.S. as children.
- DACA recipients can work and attend school.
- DACA status must be renewed every two years.
- DACA individuals are currently eligible for state-funded Medicaid and Child Health Plus, if they are otherwise eligible.

Beginning August 1, 2024, individuals who are recipients of DACA, will be able to enroll in Essential Plan (EP) coverage up to 250% of the FPL.

Existing DACA Recipients with Medicaid in NY State of Health

EXISTING DACA RECIPIENTS WITH MEDICAID

In late July, DACA recipients who were enrolled in Medicaid through NY State of Health, were automatically transitioned into Essential Plan (EP) 3 or 4 with the same insurer, and no action is needed. These consumers should have already received notices, emails, and text reminders.

- A small number of consumers who are enrolled in a **Fidelis** Medicaid Managed Care Plan in **Clinton** County will need to select a new plan or, if they do not select a new plan, one will be auto-assigned for them. This is because **Fidelis** does not offer an Essential Plan product option in **Clinton** county.

Consumers moving from Medicaid to EP can review the EP Benefits and Cost Sharing Grid resource [here](#).

SAMPLE EMAIL

CONSUMER IS AUTO-ENROLLED IN THE SAME PLAN



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NY State of Health

Your health benefits will continue with the Essential Plan!
You will be auto-enrolled this August for \$0 per month.

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NY State of Health

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Thu 7/18/2024 7:24 PM

You will be auto-enrolled this August for \$0 per month.

New York's Essential Plan is Expanding!

Good news! Federal rules have changed. Starting August 2024, you qualify for the Essential Plan. Your health benefits will move from Medicaid to the Essential Plan automatically.

The Essential Plan is \$0 per month. There is no deductible. Cost sharing is very low. The Essential Plan covers office visits, hospital care, screenings, prescription medicine, dental and vision benefits, and more. Learn more about the Essential Plan [here](#).

The Essential Plan is offered by your current health plan. There is nothing you need to do. NY State of Health will move you from Medicaid to the Essential Plan automatically.

You have the option to change your health plan. For more information about changing health plans, please contact our Customer Service Center at 1-855-355-5777 or a [certified enrollment assister](#).

Look for a notice from your health plan. It will have your new Essential Plan ID card. It will also have information about your benefits and available providers.

Help is available in your own language
We are here to help. Call the Customer Service Center or contact a [certified enrollment assister](#) if you have questions.

Sample Text Message from NY State of Health

Good news! Your health insurance is continuing with the Essential Plan! You will be auto-enrolled at \$0 per month. For more information, log into your nystateofhealth.ny.gov inbox. For help, call 1-855-355-5777 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220). Reply STOP to cancel. Msg&Data rates may apply.

Text messages were able to be sent depending on the consumer's preferred language preference in the following languages:

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Korean

Emails were sent in English and Spanish.

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CONSUMER NEEDS TO CHOOSE A NEW PLAN



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Next Steps:

1. To get the Essential Plan, you will need to choose a new health plan. Log into your nystateofhealth.ny.gov account, call the Customer Service Center at 1-855-355-5777, or contact a [certified enrollment assister](#). If you do not choose a new plan, one will be chosen for you.
2. After you are enrolled in a new health plan, they will send you a notice. It will have your new Essential Plan ID card. It will have information about your benefits and available providers.

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[Pick a Plan](#)

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DACA ENROLLEES WHO WILL NOT TRANSITION TO EP



- Consumers who are DACA and who are pregnant or are in their post partum period and are enrolled in Medicaid, will remain in Medicaid until the end of their 12-month post-partum period and will be re-evaluated upon renewal.
 - These consumers will receive a renewal at the end of the 12-month postpartum period, and may become eligible for EP, if otherwise eligible.
- Consumers who are DACA and enrolled in Medicaid and receiving long term care services will not transition to EP and will stay enrolled in Medicaid.
- Consumers who are DACA and enrolled in Medicaid and eligible for Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) will not transition to EP and will stay enrolled in Medicaid.
- As a reminder, some children may remain eligible for Medicaid or Child Health Plus because they are ineligible for EP due to their age.

Existing DACA Recipients with No Coverage in NY State of Health

DACA RECIPIENTS WITH NO COVERAGE

DACA recipients who are newly eligible for the Essential Plan (EP) program will be able to enroll on or after August 1, 2024.

- DACA consumers who are pregnant and apply in NY State of Health for the first time (who do not already have coverage in NY State of Health), with income up to 223% FPL will be eligible for Medicaid if otherwise eligible.
 - Starting in August, if the pregnant DACA consumer has income between 223% and 250% of the FPL they will be eligible for EP, if otherwise eligible.
- Remember, EP coverage begins retroactively, back to the first of the month that the consumer enrolls in or is auto assigned an EP plan.




AUGUST							2024	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
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Completing the NY State of Health Application


IMMIGRATION STATUS


A consumer who has DACA status, should be marked as
“Immigrant Non-Citizen”


Mark one box that indicates Erin's current Citizenship or Immigration Status.* 

US Citizen

Naturalized Citizen 

Immigrant Non-Citizen 

Non-Immigrant Visa Holder 

Other 

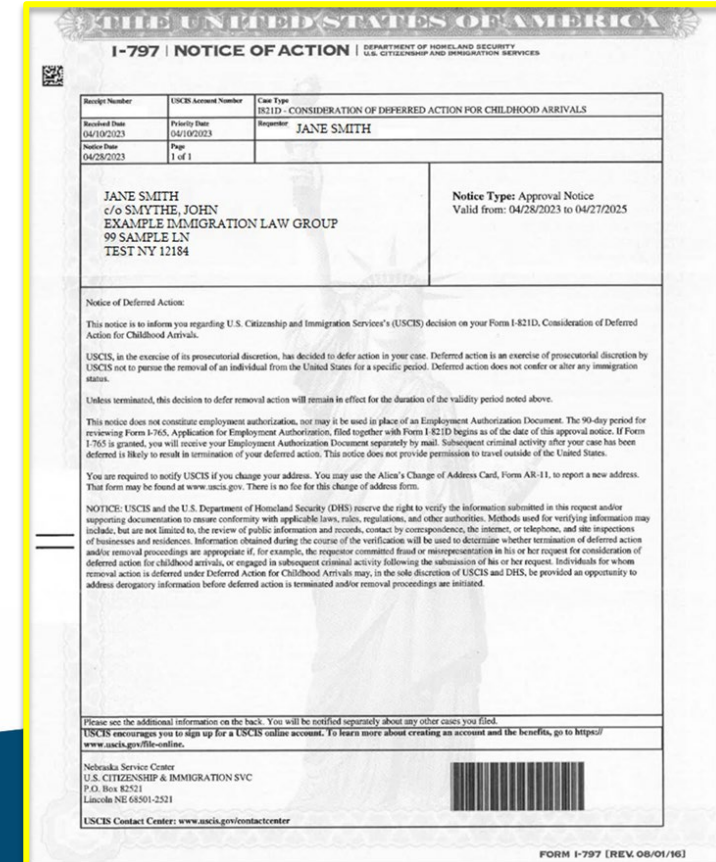
DOCUMENTATION

Individuals who are DACA recipients may present with the following documents.

Immigration Document with EAD code C33.



I-797 Notice of Action.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
I-797 | NOTICE OF ACTION | DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Receipt Number	USCIS Account Number	Case Type
04/19/2023	04/19/2023	1821D - CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

Requester: JANE SMITH
Notice Date: 04/28/2023
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JANE SMITH
c/o SMYTHE, JOHN
EXAMPLE IMMIGRATION LAW GROUP
99 SAMPLE LN
TEST NY 12184

Notice Type: Approval Notice
Valid from: 04/28/2023 to 04/27/2025

Notice of Deferred Action:
This notice is to inform you regarding U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services's (USCIS) decision on your Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.
USCIS, in the exercise of its prosecutorial discretion, has decided to defer action in your case. Deferred action is an exercise of prosecutorial discretion by USCIS not to pursue the removal of an individual from the United States for a specific period. Deferred action does not confer or alter any immigration status.
Unless terminated, this decision to defer removal action will remain in effect for the duration of the validity period noted above.
This notice does not constitute employment authorization, nor may it be used in place of an Employment Authorization Document. The 90-day period for reviewing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, filed together with Form I-821D begins as of the date of this approval notice. If Form I-765 is granted, you will receive your Employment Authorization Document separately by mail. Subsequent criminal activity after your case has been deferred is likely to result in termination of your deferred action. This notice does not provide permission to travel outside of the United States.
You are required to notify USCIS if you change your address. You may use the Alier's Change of Address Card, Form AR-11, to report a new address. That form may be found at www.uscis.gov. There is no fee for this change of address form.
NOTICE: USCIS and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reserve the right to verify the information submitted in this request and/or supporting documentation to ensure conformity with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and other authorities. Methods used for verifying information may include, but are not limited to, the review of public information and records, contact by correspondence, the internet, or telephone, and site inspections of businesses and residences. Information obtained during the course of the verification will be used to determine whether termination of deferred action and/or removal proceedings are appropriate if, for example, the requester committed fraud or misrepresentation in his or her request for consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals, or engaged in subsequent criminal activity following the submission of his or her request. Individuals for whom removal action is deferred under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals may, in the sole discretion of USCIS and DHS, be provided an opportunity to address derogatory information before deferred action is terminated and/or removal proceedings are initiated.

Please see the additional information on the back. You will be notified separately about any other cases you filed.
USCIS encourages you to sign up for a USCIS online account. To learn more about creating an account and the benefits, go to <https://www.uscis.gov/file-online>.

Nebraska Service Center
U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SVC
P.O. Box 82521
Lincoln NE 68501-2521
USCIS Contact Center: www.uscis.gov/contactcenter

FORM I-797 (REV. 08/01/16)

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Immigration Document with EAD code C33.

Mark one box that indicates Test V's current Citizenship or Immigration Status.*

- US Citizen
- Naturalized Citizen
- Immigrant Non-Citizen
- Non-Immigrant Visa Holder
- Other

Document Type

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- Other
- Temporary I-551 Stamp (on Passport or I-94 Arrival/Departure Record)
- I-327 (Reentry Permit)
- I-551 Permanent Resident Card
- I-571 (Refugee Travel Document)
- Machine Readable Visa (With Temporary I-551 language)
- I-94 Arrival/Departure Record
- I-94 Arrival/Departure Record in Unexpired Foreign Passport
- I-766 (Employment Authorization Card)**



Document Type

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Alien # Receipt # Alien Expiration Date

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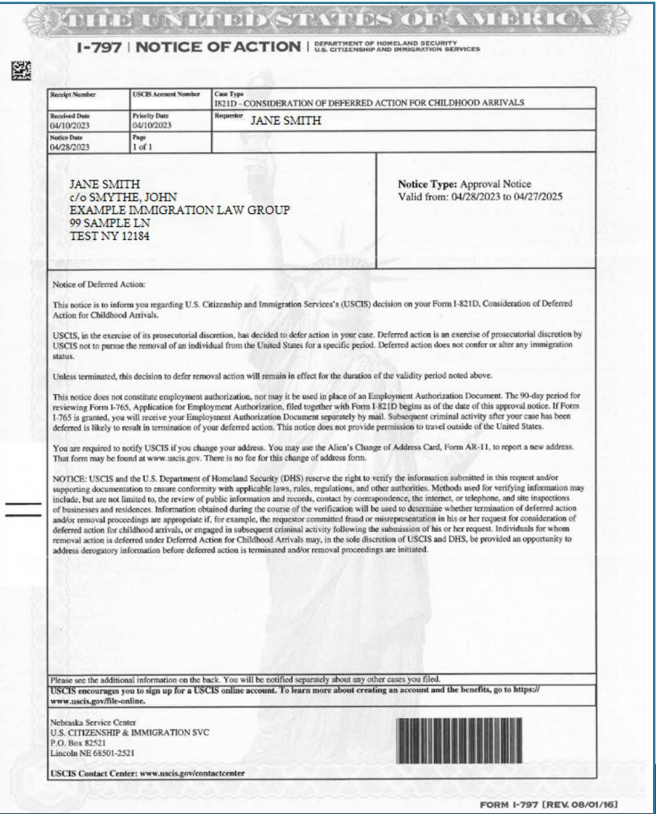
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If you do not have an Alien# or I94#, you should leave all of the boxes blank. You will be asked to submit a copy of your immigration document after your application is completed. If you have an Alien# or I94#, please fill in those boxes now. Completing those boxes will help us process your application.

Document Type

Other

Alien # I94 # SEVISID # Document Description



After choosing "Other" from the "Document Type" drop down, you are not required to enter in any numbers on the screenshot and may proceed and complete the application for the consumer.

These consumers will likely need to upload their I-797 to verify their immigration status.

DACA Eligibility in Other NY State of Health Programs

Qualified Health Plans

Starting November 1, 2024, DACA recipients will be considered lawfully present for Qualified Health Plan (QHP) eligibility. This change applies to all QHP eligibility with or without financial assistance.

- We will provide more information on how and when to help a DACA consumer who is eligible to enroll in a QHP later this year.

Medicaid and Child Health Plus

NYS already provides coverage to DACA recipients who otherwise meet eligibility requirements for Medicaid and Child Health Plus.

- As previously mentioned, pregnant consumers who currently have Medicaid or Medicaid postpartum coverage in NY State of Health will remain in Medicaid until the end of their 12-month post-partum period and will be re-evaluated upon renewal.
- For DACA consumers who are pregnant and apply in NY State of Health for the first time, these consumers are eligible for Medicaid up to 223% FPL.
- Children will remain eligible for Medicaid or Child Health Plus due to their age.

Resources for Assistors and Consumers


DACA DOCUMENTS Q & A





Question:

If a consumer tells their Assistor that they had or have DACA status, but their documentation is not current, how should the Assistor proceed?

Answer:

If a consumer presents as a DACA with expired documents, they should still be marked as “Immigrant Non-Citizen” so that their immigration documents and document numbers can be reviewed.

Mark one box that indicates Erin's current Citizenship or Immigration Status.* 

- US Citizen
- Naturalized Citizen 
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- Non-Immigrant Visa Holder 
- Other 

FACT SHEET FOR CONSUMERS

NY State of Health has also created a [Fast Fact Sheet for DACA Recipients](#) on this change.

- Assistors should review and print and/or share as needed.



FAST FACTS For DACA Recipients

Beginning August 1, 2024, DACA recipients will be eligible for the Essential Plan.

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2 What is the Essential Plan?
The Essential Plan is an affordable health plan. It is for New Yorkers who qualify. It covers doctor's visits, hospital care, screenings, prescription medicine, dental and vision benefits, and more.

3 Who qualifies?

- New York State residents
- Citizens, lawfully present applicants, and DACA recipients
- People who are 19-64 years old
- People not eligible for employer and other coverage
- People with a lower-income who don't qualify for Medicaid or Child Health Plus

Household Size	Most you can make
1	\$37,650
2	\$51,100
3	\$64,550
4	\$78,000

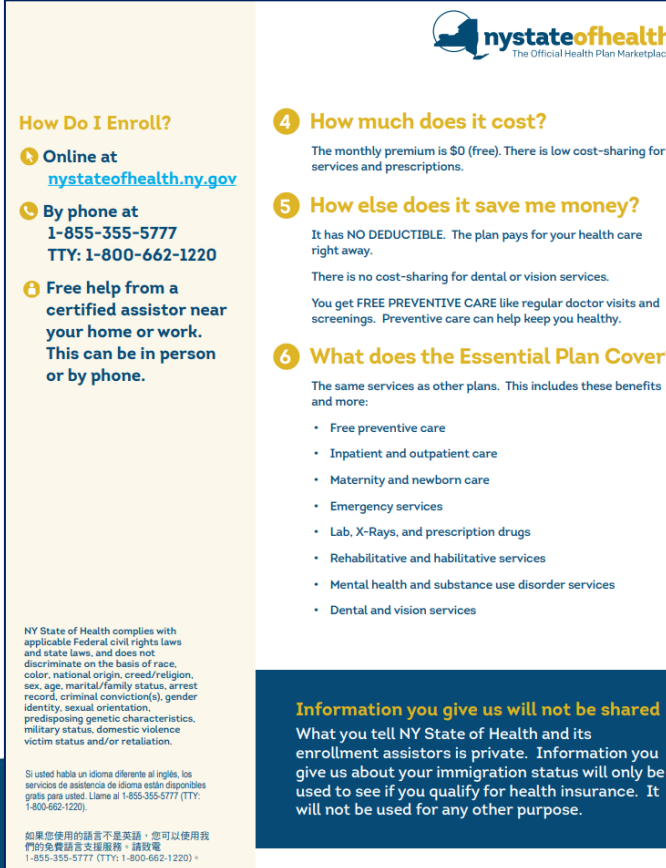
How Do I Enroll?

- Online at nystateofhealth.ny.gov
- By phone at 1-855-355-5777 TTY: 1-800-662-1220
- Free help from a certified assistant near your home or work. This can be in person or by phone.

When Can I Enroll?
Enrollment for the Essential Plan is open all year long.

Can you help me in my own language?
Yes. Help is available in your language by phone and in person.

GOOD NEWS! THE ESSENTIAL PLAN IS EXPANDING TO COVER EVEN MORE NEW YORKERS



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4 How much does it cost?
The monthly premium is \$0 (free). There is low cost-sharing for services and prescriptions.

5 How else does it save me money?
It has NO DEDUCTIBLE. The plan pays for your health care right away.
There is no cost-sharing for dental or vision services.
You get FREE PREVENTIVE CARE like regular doctor visits and screenings. Preventive care can help keep you healthy.

6 What does the Essential Plan Cover?
The same services as other plans. This includes these benefits and more:

- Free preventive care
- Inpatient and outpatient care
- Maternity and newborn care
- Emergency services
- Lab, X-Rays, and prescription drugs
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services
- Mental health and substance use disorder services
- Dental and vision services

Information you give us will not be shared
What you tell NY State of Health and its enrollment assistors is private. Information you give us about your immigration status will only be used to see if you qualify for health insurance. It will not be used for any other purpose.

NY State of Health complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and state laws, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed/religion, sex, age, marital/family status, arrest record, criminal conviction(s), gender identity, sexual orientation, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status and/or retaliation.


Si usted habla un idioma diferente al inglés, los servicios de asistencia de idioma están disponibles gratis para usted. Llame al 1-855-355-5777 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220).

如果您使用的語言不是英語，您可以使用我們的免費語言支援服務。請致電 1-855-355-5777 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220)。

RESOURCE FOR CONSUMERS

The New York State Office for New Americans (ONA) can help! ONA provides free services to all immigrants through its statewide network of community-based service providers:

- 1-800-566-7636
- Newamericans@dos.ny.gov



NEW YORK STATE | Department of State
Office for New Americans

CITIZENSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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To access our free services, call the Office For New Americans Hotline :
1-800-566-7636
All calls are confidential
Assistance is available in 200+ languages

QUESTIONS?

- If you have any questions about this information, please send us an email at: Eligibility.Training.Support@health.ny.gov.
- If you have questions about a particular consumer's eligibility and enrollment, please send the details, on an encrypted account review template to Assistor.Cases@health.ny.gov.



RECERTIFICATION PROCESS



- This pre-recorded webinar is included in the 2024 Assistor recertification Training Requirements
- All Assistors and Assistor Oversight Managers who are registered or completed the online Assistor Certification Training by 10/31/2024 will be required to view the recertification webinars. The material included in each webinar is a supplement to what was provided during the initial online course.
 - <https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/SpringTraining>
- Keep track of the date you watched the live webinar or the video for each of this year's recertification webinars.
- Provide your dates to your supervisor so they can complete the Recertification Report.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

