California’s Medicaid Program provides free or low-cost medical services for low-income individuals

Public Charge
Applying or receiving health coverage through Medi-Cal will NOT count as “Public Charge” and will not affect immigration status or chances of becoming lawful permanent resident or naturalized citizen with the exception of receiving long-term care under Medi-Cal paid by the government.

Health4All Expansion
Starting 1/1/2024, all income-eligible Californians will be enrolled for comprehensive/full-scope Medi-Cal coverage regardless of immigration status.

Asset Test for Medi-Cal
Beginning 1/1/2024, the asset test will be eliminated for all Medi-Cal enrollees and the financial criteria for Medi-Cal benefits will be based solely on income.

Coinsurance
Repayment only applies to long-term care benefits such as nursing home care received by Medi-Cal beneficiaries on or after their 55th birthday and who own assets at the time of death. If a deceased beneficiary owns nothing, nothing will be owed.

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- Emergency services
- Hospitalization
- Maternity and newborn care
- Mental health and substance use disorder services
- Chronic disease management
- Prescription drugs
- Rehabilitative & habilitative services & devices
- Laboratory services
- Preventive physical exam (no cost)
- Children’s dental and vision care (no cost)
- Translation for medical visits (no cost)
- Many health plans may also offer free or low-cost wellness services such as tobacco cessation program, gym memberships, and nutrition classes

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California’s Obamacare is a health insurance marketplace where California residents can purchase private health insurance with financial help from the government.

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