

# Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Certain Other Noncitizens

Effective Nov. 1, 2024, **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** and **certain other noncitizens** will be considered “lawfully present” for purposed of getting federally subsidized qualified health plan coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder.

This newly allows **DACA recipients and certain other noncitizens** (who meet all other eligibility requirements) to enroll in a qualified health plan with advance premium tax credits (APTCs) and cost-sharing reductions (CSRs).

The groups of “**other noncitizens**” impacted by the final rule include:

- Valid Nonimmigrant Visa-holders
- Those with a pending application for adjustment of status
- Those granted employment authorization
- Family Unity beneficiaries
- Special Immigrant (SIJ) Juvenile Children with approved petitions
- Certain asylum applicants under the Age of 14



# How many DACA Recipients are in Washington?

30,300

According to a [recent fact sheet](#) published by the OFM Health Care Research Center (using data from 2021) there are **30,300 DACA eligible immigrants in Washington** and 11,600 who have no health insurance or have only individual plans they purchased on their own.

5,800

Of the 11,600 DACA eligible immigrants, it is expected based on national data, that **up to half (5,800) might be enrolled in the DACA program.**

1,000

If 20% of the estimated 5,800 DACA recipients sign up for health coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder, **just over 1,000 DACA recipients could gain coverage.**

# How are those Affected Learning about this Federal Change?

Washington Health Benefit Exchange is:

- ▶ Performing direct outreach to known, potentially affected Washington Healthplanfinder customers and recent applicants.
- ▶ Working with Assisters, local immigration attorneys, community-based organizations, carriers and others to help reach affected communities.
- ▶ Creating new outreach materials to help spread the word.

New webpage to access latest information and materials (fact sheet, FAQs)

[DACA | Washington Health Benefit Exchange \(wabhexchange.org\)](https://wabhexchange.org)

## People with certain immigration statuses now qualify for more savings

Due to a recent [federal change](#), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients and other people with qualifying immigration statuses can now access increased federal savings through Washington Healthplanfinder™ as of Nov. 1, 2024. These savings significantly lower costs for most — **many customers can find a health plan for less than \$10 per month.**

### Who qualifies?

Immigration statuses include:

- DACA recipients
- Valid nonimmigrant visa-holders
- People with a pending application for adjustment of status
- People granted employment authorization
- Family Unity Program beneficiaries
- Special Immigrant Juveniles with approved petitions
- Certain asylum applicants under age 14

### How can someone get their new savings?

Any household member affected by the recent change needs to select “Yes” to the question, “Is this household member lawfully present in the U.S.?” in their Washington Healthplanfinder application. Those who may be affected (current customers and people who recently applied to Washington Healthplanfinder) were notified of the change in their preferred language.



## Sample notice for currently enrolled applicants

09/30/2024

Application ID:  
[REDACTED]

**Important information: You may be newly eligible for savings**

Dear [REDACTED]

Starting Nov. 1 you or someone in your household may be newly eligible for additional savings that lower your monthly premium. This is due to a change in who is eligible for federal subsidies.

What has recently changed?

A recent federal change now classifies individuals with certain non-citizen immigration statuses, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), to be considered lawfully present for purposes of receiving federal subsidies.

To make sure you are receiving all the savings you are eligible for, please complete the following steps before Oct. 11:

Log in to your Washington Healthplanfinder™ account and select “Report a Change.”

Select “Yes” for “Something else has changed that is not listed here” and then select “Next.”

Continue through the application to the “Answer questions about your household” page.

On the “Answer questions about your household” page, for any household member impacted by the recent change, select “Yes” to the question “Is this household member lawfully present in the U.S.?”

Continue through the application, making sure everything is correct.

Sign your application, then select “Submit My Application.”

For any questions, or if you need help with your application, please contact our Customer Support Center at

## Sample notice for applicants not currently enrolled

10/01/2024

Application ID:  
[REDACTED]

**Important information: You may be newly eligible for savings**

Dear [REDACTED]

What is happening?

Starting November 1, you or someone in your household may be newly eligible for additional savings to lower the monthly cost of health insurance. This is due to a change in who is eligible for federal subsidies.

What has recently changed?

A recent federal change now classifies individuals with certain non-citizen immigration statuses, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), to be considered lawfully present for purposes of receiving federal subsidies.

How can I get covered?

To get covered and make sure you are receiving all the savings you are eligible for, please complete your application as soon as possible. If you submit your application before October 11, your coverage will begin November 1, 2024. If you submit after October 11, your coverage start date will depend on when you complete your application.

If you are a new customer, visit Washington Healthplanfinder™ at [www.wahealthplanfinder.org](http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org) and fill out an application.

Or, already have an account? Follow these steps.

Log in and select “Report a Change.”

Select “Yes” for “Something else has changed that is not listed here” and then select “Next.”

# Financial Savings

Financial savings available through Washington Healthplanfinder significantly lower costs for eligible clients.



## Tax Credits

- Tax credits available up to 400% FPL
- Enhanced premium tax credits available over 400% FPL (for those paying over 8.5% of household income)



## Cascade Care Savings

- \$155 per member per month for individuals or families with FPLs up to 250%.
- Must enroll in a Cascade Care Silver or Gold plan to access savings.



## Cost-Sharing Reductions

- Cost-sharing reductions reduce an individual's or family's out-of-pocket costs for covered medical services.
- These include a deductible, copays, and co-insurance.<sup>5</sup>

# What to Expect

- ▶ Customers who newly qualify for tax credits will be found conditionally eligible for a qualified health plan.
- ▶ Customers will receive an **Important Information Regarding Request for Documents** correspondence to inform them they do not need to upload documents to verify their status.
- ▶ If only conditional for lawful presence, customers can ignore the request. Customers will only need to upload documentation if they are conditional for other categories.

Excerpt from: **Important Information Regarding Request for Documents** correspondence

Recently, we asked you or someone in your home to send proof of lawful presence to verify your Washington Healthplanfinder application. Right now, you do NOT need to send this proof. If we only asked for proof of lawful presence, you can ignore that request. If we asked for other documents, please respond to that request.

Currently, we are unable to provide updated eligibility results. You will show up as “conditionally” eligible on your application. This does not affect your ability to enroll in qualified health plan coverage and utilize the savings available to you. This is expected to be resolved in Spring 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Support Center at 1-855-923-4633.