

The New Mexico Health Care Authority (HCA) has launched a health coverage affordability program for DACA recipients for Plan Year 2026 (PY26). The **DACA Coverage Program** will provide state-funded premium assistance for DACA recipients who don't have access to other coverage. People who are on the DACA Coverage Bridge Initiative for PY25 will still need to apply for the DACA Coverage Program to have health insurance coverage in PY26.

### **What does the program do?**

The HCA will provide premium assistance for off-Marketplace "Clear Cost Gold" plans offered by New Mexico health insurance carriers. These plans are similar to what is available on the BeWell Marketplace. The amount of your premium assistance will be based on your household size and income, the county you live in, and the health insurance company you choose.

### **When does this begin?**

- Enrollment begins December 1, 2025, and ends January 15, 2026.
- If you enroll by December 31, 2025, your coverage will start January 1, 2026.
- If you enroll by January 15, 2026, your coverage will start February 1, 2026.
- You will not be able to enroll in this program if you miss the January 15 deadline unless you have a qualifying life event (i.e., loss of other health insurance, move to a part of the state that offers different plans), allowing for a Special Enrollment Period.

### **Who is eligible?**

- Current DACA recipients who are residents of New Mexico
- Cannot be incarcerated
- Have a household income at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Cannot have access to other health insurance (i.e., insurance you get through your job or spouse's job, Tricare, Medicaid) or a third-party payor program

### **How do you apply?**

- Go to <https://www.easigov.com/daca.html> or call **505-705-3310** and speak with a representative to complete an application through EASI Gov.
- If you are eligible, you will have the option to choose your preferred health insurance company.

If you need information on applying for the program, you can contact an EASI Gov representative at the number above. If you have a broker who has helped you with insurance in the past, they may be able to help you apply in-person, over the phone, or through a video call. If you do not have a broker and want help deciding which plan to enroll in, EASI Gov can help you find a broker.

For more information, go to <https://www.hca.nm.gov/daca-coverage/>. If you have any questions about the Program, you can email [HCAF@hca.nm.gov](mailto:HCAF@hca.nm.gov) or call Cynthia C. Cisneros at (505) 627-0941.

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### **Simplified Version**

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