

Apple Health Eligibility for Individuals from Afghanistan

Special immigrant status and humanitarian parolees

Background

Afghans and their families began arriving in the U.S. in August 2021. These individuals will have one of the following statuses:

- Special Immigrant visa (SIV) program
- Special Immigrant (SI) parolee
- Special Immigrant conditional permanent residents (CPRs)
- Afghan humanitarian parolee

These groups meet the immigration requirements for Apple Health.

Eligibility for Apple Health (Medicaid)

Special immigrants and humanitarian parolees from Afghanistan with income under 200% federal poverty level are eligible for Apple Health. They may receive:

- Medical coverage for at least 8 months
- Cash payments from the voluntary agency (VOLAG) or sponsor

Special immigrants and humanitarian parolees from Afghanistan who are not eligible for Apple Health may be eligible for a qualified health plan with financial assistance through [Washington Healthplanfinder](#).

Apple Health program eligibility based on immigration status

Program	Children's Medical	Pregnancy Medical	Adult Medical	Refugee Medical Assistance
Special Immigrant Visa (SIV)	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible
Special Immigrant (SI) parolee	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible
Special Immigrant Conditional permanent residents (CPRs)	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible
Humanitarian parolee	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible*	Eligible*

*Individuals granted humanitarian parole between July 31, 2021, through September 30, 2022, or their spouses, children, parents or legal guardians who are granted parole after September 30, 2022.



Application process

Submit applications for individuals who are under 65 years to the Health Care Authority:

- Online: wahealthplanfinder.org
- Email: HCAWAHRMAapps@hca.wa.gov
- Fax: 360-725-1158
- Questions? Call 1-800-562-3022

Submit applications for individuals who are age 65 or older, have blindness or a disability to the Department of Social and Health Services:

- Online: washingtonconnection.org
- Fax: 1-888-338-7410
- In-person: [local community services office](#)
- Questions? Call 1-877-501-2233

Interpreter services are available.

Resources

- [PL 22-02: Additional ORR-Eligible Statuses and Categories and Acceptable Documentation Requirements for Afghan Nationals \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- [PL 22-01: Afghan Humanitarian Parolees and Unaccompanied Afghan Minors Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- [FY 2021 Refugee Support Services Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Holders and Special Immigrant \(SI/SO\) Parolees Supplemental Allocation \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- [Citizenship and Immigration Status guide](#)
- [Apple Health Eligibility Manual – Apple Health for Refugee Medical Assistance](#)
- [Office of Refugee Resettlement – Benefits for Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrant Visa \(SIV\) Holders](#)
- [U.S. Refugee Admissions Program Priority 2 Designation for Afghan Nationals - United States Department of State](#)

Additional resources

- CLEAR Hotline: 1-888-201-1014
- [Northwest Immigrant Rights Project \(NWIRP\)](#):
 - NWIRP Seattle Office: 206-587-4009
 - NWIRP Yakima Valley (Granger) Office: 509-854-2100
 - NWIRP Wenatchee Office: 509-570-0054
- [Immigration Law Help](#) (search Washington state)
- [National Immigration Law Center](#)