

## June 6, 2023 Nevada Medicaid Web Announcement 3090

## **Expansion of Medicaid Coverage to Lawfully Residing Non-Citizen Pregnant Individuals**

Follow-up to Web Announcement 3001 section b: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Nevada State Plan Amendment (SPA) which extends Medicaid coverage to lawfully residing non-citizen pregnant individuals, including pregnant individuals who would otherwise be subject to the five-year waiting period. The SPA is effective as of January 1, 2023.

This new policy will provide Medicaid assistance for prenatal care, labor/delivery, and postpartum care up to 60 days, including the entire month in which the 60th day falls, to help ensure a healthy birth.

The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) will be reviewing previous eligibility for pregnant individuals who applied for Medicaid on or after January 1, 2023, to determine whether these pregnant individuals now meet the criteria recently approved by CMS along with all other factors of eligibility (i.e., income). DWSS will notify individuals of any change in their eligibility. For those who meet the definition of a lawfully residing noncitizen below, they may submit a new Medicaid application through either the <a href="Access Nevada">Access Nevada</a> website or submit a paper application to their local <a href="DWSS office">DWSS office</a>.

## How is a lawfully residing non-citizen individual defined?

A pregnant individual shall be considered lawfully residing if they are:

- 1. a qualified non-citizen; or
- 2. in a non-immigrant status and have not violated the terms of the status under which she was admitted; or
- 3. paroled into the United States for less than 1 year, except if paroled for prosecution, for deferred inspection or pending removal proceedings; or
- 4. one of the following classes:
  - i. are currently in temporary resident status; or
  - ii. are currently under Temporary Protected Status (TPS), or pending TPS but are granted employment authorization; or
  - iii. have been granted employment authorization; or
  - iv. are a Family Unity beneficiary; or
  - v. are currently under Deferred Enforced Departure (DED); or
  - vi. are currently in deferred action status; or
  - vii. are a visa holder who has a pending application for an adjustment of status;
- 5. a pending applicant for asylum, or for withholding of removal, or under the Convention Against Torture who has been granted employment authorization; or
- 6. granted withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture; or
- 7. a child who has a pending application for Special Immigrant Juvenile status; or
- 8. a migrant who is lawfully present under the Compact of Free Association (COFA); or
- 9. lawfully present in American Samoa under the immigration laws of American Samoa.

For questions, please visit the nearest DWSS office or contact DWSS at 1-800-992-0900.