

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

Afghan special immigrants and humanitarian parolees may be eligible for Apple Health if they are granted humanitarian parole between July 31, 2021, through September 30, 2023, or are their spouses, children, parents, or legal guardians who are granted parole after September 30, 2023.

Individuals may continue to be eligible for Apple Health even if their parole status has ended if they have an application for adjustment of status pending with USCIS, and they submitted the application prior to the end of their parole status.

Individuals who are no longer eligible for Apple Health may be eligible for other programs, including Refugee Medical Assistance for up to 12 months or,

A qualified health plan (QHP) 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) or Special Immigrant parole (SI)	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, 2023, may be eligible until March 31, 2023, or the end of their parole term, whichever is later; or their spouses, children, parents, or legal guardians who are granted parole after September 30, 2023.

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 (DSHS):

- 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\(SI/SQ\)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](#)