

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Qualified Immigrants

Qualified immigrants include: lawful permanent residents (LPR's), asylees, refugees, Cuban and Haitian entrants, certain battered spouses and children, victims of trafficking, individuals granted conditional entry, individuals granted withholding of deportation/removal, and individuals paroled into the U.S. for at least one year.

5 Year Bar

The "5 year bar" refers to the five years that qualified immigrants must wait until they become eligible for **federal Medicaid**. However, in California, qualified immigrants under the five year bar are still eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal, funded solely by the state. Some qualified immigrants are exempt from the "5 year bar" requirement. They include, active duty military (including spouse and dependent children under 21), American Indians, American Indians born in Canada, Amerasian immigrants, Asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, deportation withheld, Iraqi and Afghan special immigrants, Refugees, trafficking victims, veterans (includes spouse and unmarried children under 21), pregnant women, and children under the age of 19.

Permanent Residence Under Color of Law

Permanent Residence Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) is not recognized as an immigration status by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). This category was created by the courts and is a public benefits eligibility category. For a person to be residing "under color of law", the USCIS must know of the person's presence in the U.S., and must provide the person with written assurance that enforcement of deportation is not planned. Customers without written paperwork can still apply for benefits through secondary verification.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a type of administrative relief from deportation where a non-U.S. citizen is permitted to temporarily remain in the U.S. As of August 30, 2012, DACA-eligible individuals granted relief under the Obama Administration do not have access to health coverage through Medicaid or federal tax credits to purchase insurance through the Exchanges. California will cover DACA children under their state-funded full-scope Medi-Cal coverage of any eligible person in deferred action status.

Wrap Around Program

A program that is being established by the Department of Health Care Services and Covered California for **qualified immigrants who are childless adults (21 years of age and older) under the 5 year bar earning less than 138% FPL**. This program will provide the same benefits as they would have received in Medi-Cal, with no premium or share of cost (again, the same as if they were in Medi-Cal). Details of how the program will be operationalized are still being worked out. The program is estimated to begin in April 2014. PRUCOLs and DACAs who are childless adults, earning less than 138% FPL, will continue to be eligible for state-only Medi-Cal.