

DACA FAQ

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What is DACA?

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is an immigration policy that allows undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. before 2007 as children to receive a renewable two-year period of protection from deportation and a work permit.

Due to a rule change in May 2024, DACA recipients are now eligible to apply for a tax credit and health insurance coverage through Your Health Idaho.

Timelines for applying

DACA recipients can apply for coverage through Your Health Idaho starting November 1, 2024, with coverage beginning as soon as December 1, 2024.

Initial applications for DACA recipients will be accepted until December 31, 2024.

Outside of open enrollment, DACA recipients who lost and regained legal status can report the change to YHI within 60 days for consideration for a Special Enrollment Period.

What information do DACA recipients need when applying for coverage with Your Health Idaho?

During the application process, individuals will need to provide information from their Employment Authorization Document (EAD) or Form I-797, Notice of Action. To verify identity and eligibility status, applicants may need to upload copies of their documents to their Your Health Idaho account.

Sample EAD Card



Are DACA recipients eligible for an Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC)?

Yes. DACA recipients are eligible for an APTC based on income.

Will DACA recipients be referred to DHW for Medicaid/CHIP coverage?

Possibly. While DACA recipients are not currently eligible for Medicaid or CHIP coverage they may still be referred to the Department of Health and Welfare if their income falls under 138% of FPL. Consumers who are referred will be denied Medicaid/CHIP coverage and upon return of their application to YHI, will be eligible to enroll in coverage through Your Health Idaho with APTC.

Where can an individual begin the process for being granted or confirm their DACA renewal status?

Individuals apply for or check their case status at <https://www.uscis.gov/DACA>.
