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WHAT?**

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DID YOU KNOW THAT... ?

If you were born on or after June 16, 1981, you still meet the age requirements to apply to DACA?

Attending a free DACA screening can also be a way to find out if you qualify for other permanent forms of immigration status like permanent residency?

Fewer than 30% of eligible New Yorkers have applied for DACA?

ICE recently announced a formal process for renewing DACA status for many of those who already have it?

DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced the DACA program, which is a form of prosecutorial discretion that defers removal of certain undocumented individuals. If approved, applicants receive employment authorization, provided that they can demonstrate “an economic necessity for employment.” Those who are in removal proceedings, with a final order, or with a voluntary departure order are also eligible for DACA, if they meet the general requirements stated below.

DACA RECIPIENTS RECEIVE DEFERRED ACTION FOR TWO YEARS, SUBJECT TO RENEWAL. THE REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR DACA INCLUDE:

- Must have been under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Arrived to the U.S. before the age of 16;
- Continuous residence in the U.S. since June 15, 2007;
- Physical presence in the U.S. on June 15, 2012, and at the time that you apply for DACA;
- Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or have an expired lawful status as of June 15, 2012;
- Currently in school, graduated from high school or obtained a GED, or are an honorably discharged veteran;
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors;
- Do not pose a threat to national security or public safety.

We recommend that youth interested in applying for DACA consult with one of various free or low cost resources throughout the state. Applying for DACA is a significant personal and legal decision that should be taken with the appropriate advice of an attorney or organization knowledgeable about the program and its requirements. For a list of free or low cost legal providers, please visit: http://www.thenyic.org/DACA_events For a list of upcoming information sessions, please visit: <http://www.newamericans.ny.gov/da/eligible.html>

DACA RENEWAL

IF YOU RECEIVED DACA BETWEEN
JUNE 15 AND AUGUST 15, 2012

On February 19, 2014, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released official guidelines about the DACA renewal process for individuals who received DACA between June 15 and August 15, 2012. If you wish to renew your DACA for another two-year period, you must submit Form I-821D, "Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival," to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). This form must be completed, properly signed and accompanied by a Form I-765, "Application for Employment Authorization" (along with the accompanying filing fees for that form, which total \$465), and Form I-765WS.

If your previous period of deferred action expires before you receive a renewal of deferred action under DACA, you will accrue unlawful presence and will not be authorized to work for any time between the periods of deferred action. For this reason, USCIS encourages you to submit your request for renewal 120 days before your current period of deferred action under DACA expires.

Although USCIS has yet to release its official DACA renewal guidelines, it is expected that the USCIS guidelines will be similar to those released by ICE.

Visit: USCIS.gov/childhoodarrivals for the latest official updates.

IN GENERAL, HERE ARE A FEW STEPS YOU SHOULD TAKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUR DACA:

“Timing is everything”: Figure out when your “renewal window” is.

- o Everyone will have a different “renewal window” to submit your application depending on your DACA expiration date and your window may only be open for one month, so it is imperative that you do not let this opportunity pass you by.
- o Be sure that you know when your window is so that you do not apply too early, since USCIS recommends that you apply 120 days (or four months) before your DACA expires. USCIS may reject your submission and return it to you with instructions to resubmit closer to the expiration date if you submit too early.
- o Similarly, it is important that you do not apply too late. It is recommended that you should apply no later than three months before your DACA expires in order to ensure that it will be renewed before your expiration date.
 - Your DACA will expire two years from the date on your I-797 Notice of Action form that you received when your DACA was approved.
- o We recommend taking the time to sign up for the DACA Renewal Network at www.UnitedWeDream.org/DACArenewal to be sure you know when your window is and you do not miss it. The DACA Renewal Network will customize reminders for your personal case so you know when your window is, what your next steps should be, and provide you reminders to complete each step.

“Get your paperwork together”: Gather new evidence for your renewal as soon as possible.

- o Be prepared to submit any new evidence that might be required for renewal. This could include evidence of your continued presence in the U.S., documentation of approved international travel, records of arrests or criminal charges and their current status or final resolutions, address changes and proof of continued or completion of high school or its equivalent or reasons why you do not meet the education requirement anymore.
 - If you have not graduated yet, you are still eligible for a renewal while you are enrolled.
 - If possible, continue your education: If you have dropped out of school or an educational program, you will generally not be eligible for a renewal unless you sign up for a new or different educational program.

“Save up some cash”: You must be financially prepared to pay for your DACA renewal fees.

- o You must pay \$465 to renew your DACA and work authorization card (this includes the standard biometrics fee). You should start saving as soon as possible.
- o Fee exemptions are available if you are low-income and you are either (a) homeless, in foster care or otherwise lack parental or familial support, (b) have over \$25,000 of medical debt, or (c) you have a serious, chronic disability, you may be eligible for a fee exemption. You should determine whether you qualify for such an exemption based on the criteria outlined on USCIS’ website. If you qualify, you should start gathering the supporting documentation listed on USCIS’ website to file for a fee exemption.

“Get the originals”: Obtain a copy of your original DACA request.

- o The DACA renewal form will look similar to the original I-821D form that you used to request DACA. To avoid inconsistent answers, refer to your original DACA request when you fill out the renewal form.
- o If you did not keep a copy of your original DACA request, take steps to get one now. Ask the law office that helped you file your original DACA request, or file a freedom of Information Act Request through USCIS.

GETTING A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Once you have received your DACA-issued work permit, you can apply for a social security number. The process is relatively simple and in some cases, you may even get your social security number in advance. Alternatively, you will receive your actual card in the mail 2-4 weeks after you complete the application process. In order to apply for a social security number, you have to do the following:



- Complete a Social Security Card Application (Form SS-5), which you can find at any social security office or at www.ssa.gov
- Take the form along with your DACA-issued work permit and proof of age and identity to the nearest social security office (visit www.socialsecurity.gov/locator to locate your nearest office)
 - **Proof of age and identity** - You must show an original or copy certified by the issuing agency of one of the following:
 - Foreign birth certificate
 - Unexpired foreign passport
 - U.S. military record
 - U.S. military ID
 - Religious record showing age or date of birth
 - U.S. driver's license
 - U.S. state-issued ID
 - School record showing age or date of birth
 - School ID
 - OR copy of medical record

***Note:** a birth certificate or unexpired passport are the most reliable documents you can present. The social security officer may give you a harder time or simply not accept any other of the above documents. Remember, that you have a right to request documents in a language you can understand.

- There is NO cost to apply for and receive a social security number and card.
- If you need your social security number sooner, you may ask the officer for it. You can be notified by phone as soon as the number is available, or receive a receipt that confirms your completed application and approval. If your employer needs to verify your name and social security number, s/he may verify it online (at <http://www.ssa.gov/employer/ssnv.htm>) or by phone (more information at <http://www.ssa.gov/employer/documents/TNEV.pdf>).

For more information
you may call **1 (800) 772-1213** or **1 (800) 325-0778** (TTY—for the hard of hearing)
or visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

GETTING AN ID OR DRIVER'S LICENSE

The next step after getting your social security card is to apply for a state identification card. It can either be a learner's permit, driver's license, or non-driver ID. To apply, you need to follow these steps:



- Visit your nearest DMV office (to locate it, please visit: <http://dmv.ny.gov/offices.htm>).
- Fill out Form MV-44 (Application for Driver License or Non-Driver ID Card).
 - ***Note:** The form asks if you would like to register to vote. It is very important that you decline, as only U.S. citizens can vote. Registering to vote without U.S. citizenship can bring serious immigration consequences.
- Prove your date of birth using your Employment Authorization Card (I-766).
- Prove your identity/name by presenting the following documents:
 - Social Security Card AND one or more of the following documents totaling 4 points
 - Employment Authorization Card (I-766) with photo (3 points)
 - Foreign Passport with valid I-551 stamp or with a statement on the Visa (Passport must be translated into English by an embassy) (3 points)
 - Photo Driver's License issued by another U.S. state (must be current or expired no longer than 1 year) (2 points)
 - U.S. college ID card with photo and transcript (2 points)
 - U.S. high school ID card with report card (2 points)
 - U.S. marriage or divorce record OR court issued name change decree (2 points)
 - U.S. Social Security Card (2 points)
 - U.S. high school diploma or GED (1 point)
 - U.S. utility bill (must include your name and address) (1 point)
 - U.S. bank statement, cancelled check (with pre-printed name on it), ATM card (must have your signature and pre-printed name), OR valid major U.S. credit card (1 point)
 - For other acceptable documents, please see DMV Form 1D-44 (available at <http://dmv.ny.gov/forms/id44.pdf>)
- You will also be required to pass an eye exam and a written traffic rules test.

***Note:** Your name must be the same in every document used. Your signature must be on at least one of the documents. The DMV only accepts original documents or copies certified by the issuing agency. Remember, that you have a right to request documents in a language you can understand.

DACA BENEFITS CHARTS: SOCIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO IMMIGRANTS

Individuals granted deferred action are considered “permanently residing under color of law” (PRUCOL) and are eligible for all state funded benefits. Once an individual can provide proof that a request for deferred action has been filed, he or she is eligible to apply for New York’s medical health insurance benefits even before a decision is made by USCIS. To be eligible for cash assistance welfare programs, the person must wait until USCIS actually approves the requests for deferred action. However, individuals seeking cash assistance—such as that available from the public assistance programs listed below—should be aware that this could raise public charge concerns that could bar future applications for permanent resident status and other types of immigration relief.

The following is a list of social services and benefits available to immigrants in New York State. Most of the programs listed are only open to DACA grantees, DACA applicants, and people with other types of immigration status, except for Medicaid prenatal care services and the education programs listed. Furthermore, applicants to all programs must still meet requirements other than immigration status, such as income thresholds and state residency. Non-citizens with deferred action are not eligible for any federal public benefit, including federal financial aid, food stamps, housing subsidies, and the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan Program.

HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR DACA APPLICANTS AND GRANTEES¹

PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	LIST OF BENEFITS	INFORMATION ON ENROLLMENT & REQUIREMENTS
<p>Emergency Medicaid</p>	<p>Emergency Medicaid is for those who do not have health insurance and need immediate medical attention. Emergency medical condition standards must be met in order to receive services, which include acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in: placing the person’s health in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency medical condition standard must be met at time that service is provided. • Determined on a case by case basis. • Coverage is not site specific • Treatment can include medications if associated with the stabilization and treatment of the medical emergency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolling in “Emergency Medicaid for undocumented immigrants and maintaining eligibility is easier under a new 2013 policy eliminating the form physicians were previously required to fill out – DOH-4471 form for the Certification of Treatment of an Emergency Medical Condition. • Immigrants need only submit the standard Medicaid application, and if they are found otherwise eligible, local districts are to issue a Client Benefit Identification Card and authorize coverage for a 12-month period. • For a claim to be paid, the physician must enter an emergency admission type in eMedNY. Standard spend down and renewal processes apply.
<p>Medicaid</p>	<p>Service that provides free health insurance for low-income adults. Recipients receive health care through a fee-for-service plan. If eligible, recipients may receive up to 90 days of retroactive coverage during the application period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular checkups • Hospital inpatient and outpatient services • Emergency room care • Prescription drugs • Specialist care • Home health care • Nursing home care • Dental care • Prenatal care • Smoking cessation agents • Medical supplies and equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? Yes, must be a DACA grantee, DACA applicant, or have some other type of immigration status. • For more information on how to enroll, please call the Medicaid Help Line at 1(800) 541-2831. • You can also visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/family_health_plus/application.htm to download an application and instructions. • You can also enroll with a Facilitated Enroller (FE) at a community-based organization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o For a list of FE’s in New York City, please visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/family_health_plus/apply/application_centers.htm

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<p>Family Health Plus</p>	<p>Public health insurance program for adults between the ages of 19 and 64 who do not have health insurance, but have incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular checkups • Hospital inpatient and outpatient services • Emergency room care • Prescription drugs • Specialist care • Smoking cessation agents • Medical supplies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? Yes, must be a DACA grantee, DACA applicant, or have some other type of immigration status. • You can must complete an application, provide proof of certain information, and select a health plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Your local department of social services can assist you in completing an application. o Facilitated Enrollers can also assist you. • Once you have completed your application, make sure you sign and date it. You can mail or drop off your application and any required documentation to your local department of social services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To find the address and/or phone number of your local department of social services, please visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ldss.htm
<p>Children's Medicaid</p>	<p>Program available to children of working families who are under the age of 19 and New York residents. Children who are enrolled in Medicaid (coverage for children) may be required to enroll in a managed care plan, or you may simply visit a healthcare provider that accepts Children's Medicaid.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular checkups • Immunizations • Hospital care • Emergency room care • Prescription drugs • Specialist care • Dental care • Eyeglasses • Medical equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? Yes, must be a DACA grantee, DACA applicant, or have some other type of immigration status. • You can request an application by calling the toll-free number 1(800) 698-4543. • You can also ask for organizations in your community that can help you fill out the application, collect the necessary documentation, and select the most appropriate health plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o For a list of local community organizations who can help you enroll, please visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/child_health_plus/where_do_i_apply.htm. Or you can enroll through your local Department of Social Services.

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<p>Children’s Health Plus</p>	<p>Comprehensive health insurance program that covers a wide range of children’s health care and dental needs. The income requirements make it possible for working families to get free or low-cost health insurance for their children under the age of 19 who are New York residents. There are no co-payments through Children’s Health Plus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular checkups • Immunizations • Hospital care • Emergency room care • Prescription drugs • Specialist care • Dental care • Eyeglasses • Medical equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? Yes, must be a DACA grantee, DACA applicant, or have some other type of immigration status. • Call this toll-free number: 1-800-698-4KIDS (1-800-698-4543), and ask about Child Health Plus. (If you are hearing impaired, call the TTY number, 1-877-898-5849.) • If you are eligible for Children’s Medicaid, please use the aforementioned list of local community organizations to help you enroll or enroll through your local Department of Social Services. • If your income is above Children’s Medicaid levels, you can enroll with a Child Health Plus insurer directly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To find participating Child Health Plus insurers, please visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/child_health_plus/where_do_i_apply.htm#county o Each insurer offers health care through many providers. The insurer will send you an application and give you a list of providers in your area.
<p>Prenatal Care Services through Medicaid</p>	<p>Comprehensive prenatal care program that provides complete pregnancy care and other health services to women and teens who live in New York State and meet income guidelines.</p> <p>Note: These services are available to all women regardless of immigration status.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab tests • HIV tests • Nutrition screenings • Other services relating to pregnancy • Mothers receive services at least two month after delivery • Babies receive health care services for at least one year after birth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? No, all pregnant women are eligible, regardless of immigration status. • Call the New York State Growing Up Healthy Hotline at 1(800) 522-5006 for more information on how to enroll in your neighborhood.

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<p>Family Planning Benefit Program</p>	<p>Free and confidential program that provides family planning services to teens, women, and men who meet certain income and residency requirements, and who are not enrolled in Medicaid or Family Health Plus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth control pills, patches, condoms, injections, diaphragms, and IUDs • Emergency contraception services (e.g., Plan B) and follow-up care • GYN exams • Pregnancy testing and counseling • Screening and counseling for sexually transmitted infections, HIV, pap smears, and urinary tract or female-related infections • Male and female sterilization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? Yes, must be a DACA grantee, DACA applicant, or have some other type of immigration status. • You can go to a Family Planning Services Provider for a presumptive eligibility screening and/or to get an FPBP application and enrollment assistance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o For a list of these locations, please visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/community/pregnancy/family_planning/program_sites.htm • If you need your application to remain completely confidential with regard to your residence address, you must clearly state this on your application and provide a safe and confidential mailing address and contact phone number you may be reached to further determine your eligibility for the FPBP. <p>You will also need to bring or send in documentation for each of the items listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full legal name as it appears on your birth certificate • Social Security Number (you do not have to provide the actual card, just the number) • Proof of your citizenship or immigration status. Proof of your age (if not verified by SSA), like a birth certificate, or a passport • Proof of earned income, like recent paycheck stubs (if you are working), a letter from your employer or a 3 month profit and loss statement if you are self-employed • Proof of your unearned income, from sources like Child Support, Social Security Benefits, Veteran's Benefits (VA), Worker's Compensation or NYS Disability Benefits, Unemployment Benefits <p style="text-align: right;"><i>continued on next page</i></p>

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<p>Family Planning Benefit Program Continued.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of where you live, like a rent receipt, letter from your landlord, mortgage statement, or postmarked non-window envelope from mail you received recently • Health Insurance benefit card or policy statements including the amount of health insurance premium you pay (if you are covered by any other health insurance) • You do not need to bring or send in proof of your resources, such as bank statements, vehicles you own or insurance policies. Resources are not counted in determining eligibility for the FPBP.
<p>HIV Special Needs Plan (HIV SNP)</p>	<p>Public health insurance option for individuals on Medicaid living with HIV/AIDS and their children up to age 19, whether or not the children also have HIV/AIDS. The doctors, nurses, and other care providers who participate in HIV SNP are trained to treat the special needs of this population.</p> <p>Individuals choose a primary care provider (doctor or nurse) who will coordinate their health care needs. Each plan has its own group of providers and hospitals. You can choose the one to which your current doctor belongs, the one closest to your home, or the one that has the services you need the most.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care coordination with HIV specialists • Case management to help coordinate additional services such as public benefits and legal help • Treatment adherence services • HIV prevention and risk-reduction education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To qualify, you must be already enrolled in Medicaid and have tested positive for HIV.

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<p>Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working People with Disabilities</p>	<p>Program offers people with disabilities who are working and earning more than the allowable limits for regular Medicaid, the opportunity to keep their health care coverage through Medicaid.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular checkups • Hospital inpatient and outpatient services • Emergency room care • Prescription drugs • Specialist care • Home health care • Nursing home care • Dental care • Prenatal care • Smoking cessation agents • Medical supplies and equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? Yes, must be a DACA grantee, DACA applicant, or have some other type of immigration status. • To qualify, individuals must be age 16-64, have a disability as defined by the SSA, and be engaged in part-time or full-time work. • For more information on how to enroll, please visit http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/buy_in/ or call the Medicaid Help Line at 1(800) 541-2831.
<p>Medicaid Excess Income Program</p>	<p>Program is also known as “Medicaid Spend-Down Program” or the “Medicaid Surplus Income Program.” It offers Medicaid coverage to individuals whose net monthly income is above the Medicaid income limits and who meet all other Medicaid eligibility requirements. If you can show that you have medical bills equal to your excess income in a particular month. Medicaid will pay your additional medical bills beyond that for the rest of that month.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular checkups • Hospital inpatient and outpatient services • Emergency room care • Prescription drugs • Specialist care • Home health care • Nursing home care • Dental care • Prenatal care • Smoking cessation agents • Medical supplies and equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? Yes, must be a DACA grantee, DACA applicant, or have some other type of immigration status. • To qualify, you must be under 21, age 65 or older, certified blind or disabled, pregnant, or a parent of a child under 21. You must also be screened for Medicaid before enrolling in this program. • For more information on how to enroll, please visit http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/excess_income.htm or call the Medicaid Help Line at 1(800) 541-2831.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Disclaimer: Cash assistance programs require that USCIS actually approve the deferred action application in order for individuals to be eligible. See Public Benefit Eligibility of Deferred Action “Dreamers,” Empire Justice Center, available at <http://www.empirejustice.org/issue-areas/immigrant-rights/access-to-public-benefits/public-benefit-eligibility-of.html>. Individuals seeking cash assistance should note that this could raise public charge concerns should they apply for permanent resident status in the future. Id.

Non-citizens with deferred action are **not eligible** for any federal public benefit, including federal financial aid, food stamps, housing subsidies, and the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan Program. They will not be eligible to purchase health insurance through the federal Healthcare Exchange when that becomes operational in 2014. Id.

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<p>Safety Net Assistance (SNA)</p>	<p>Program provides cash assistance for needy single adults; childless couples; children living apart from any adult relative; families of persons refusing drugs/alcohol screening, assessment, or treatment; immigrants who are eligible for temporary assistance, but who are not eligible for federal reimbursement; and needy individuals and families who exhaust benefits from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (“TANF”).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash assistance for basic expenses for up to 60 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? Yes, must be a DACA grantee or have some other type of immigration status, and have a social security number. Immigrants are eligible for temporary assistance, but not for federal reimbursement. • For more information or to find your local social service office, please visit http://otda.ny.gov/programs/temporary-assistance/ or call the New York State Temporary Assistance Hotline at 1(800) 342-3009.
<p>Emergency Assistance</p>	<p>Provided to those who experience an emergency situation like homelessness; lack of food; eviction by landlord; lack of fuel for heating in winter; shut down of utilities; physical harm or threat of violence by a partner, ex-partner, or household member.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of shelter • Payment of utilities • Payment of fuel and/or cost of fuel delivery • Payment of domestic violence shelter costs • Payment of temporary housing (hotel/motel) costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? Yes, must be a DACA grantee or have some other type of immigration status, and have a social security number. • For the list of emergency assistance resources offered by the NYC Affordable Housing Resource Center, please visit: http://www.nyc.gov/html/housinginfo/html/em_assist/emergency_assistance.shtml • If you have been the victim of a recent incident of domestic abuse, you have the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Call 911 if you are in an emergency situation. o If you require emergency shelter (domestic violence shelter), or need help figuring out the options, call the NYC Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-621-HOPE (TDD 800-810-7444).

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<p>Hospital Sliding-Scale Care</p>	<p>Hospital Financial Assistance Law (HFAL) establishes a sliding fee scale rate for all uninsured patients living at or below 300% of the federal poverty line (FPL). All hospitals in New York must have financial assistance programs, with policies for determining eligibility for discounted care on file with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). In addition, HFAL prohibits hospitals from issuing bills or collection notices while an application for financial assistance is pending.</p> <p>Each hospital's financial assistance program is different, so you should be sure to obtain a copy of the policy from your hospital. Certain key elements are required in all hospital financial assistance programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient Services • Ambulatory Surgery • MRI Testing • Adult ER/Clinic Services • Prenatal & Pediatric ER/Clinical Services • Outpatient programs associated with community health clinics and some hospital outpatient clinics that provide low cost or sliding scale services 	<p>Hospitals must give patients a minimum of 90 days from the date they receive services to ask for financial assistance. In addition, patients must have at least 20 days from receipt of an application to submit the complete form, for a total minimum time to submit a complete application of 110 days. Decision must then issue within 30 days. All hospitals must develop policies for appealing denials of financial assistance.</p> <p>Financial assistance application requirements include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applications must clearly indicate the time frames for submitting applications. 2. Documentation of income must be limited to current income. Hospitals may not require copies of tax returns or other past IRS documentation. Information regarding monthly bills is not relevant. 3. Hospitals may require documentation of residence. 4. Information regarding immigration status is not relevant to eligibility. 5. Application materials must explain that patients can disregard bills while an application for financial assistance is pending. Hospitals may not forward accounts to collection while an application is pending. 6. When an application is denied, hospitals must provide such notice in writing and provide information about the appeals process in the denial. <p>Many hospitals Complete applications are not due until 20 days after</p>

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	LIST OF BENEFITS	INFORMATION ON ENROLLMENT & REQUIREMENTS
<p>Free or Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch</p>	<p>Public schools program for students whose families meet certain income requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families receiving TANF and/or SNAP benefits do not have to fill out an application if they submit to the school a direct certification letter provided by the State or Local Department of Social Services. • SNAP and/or TANF recipients may also complete an application for free and reduced price meals which only requires them to provide the case number, the names of the children and an adult household signature. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Based on documentation supplied by the family, the school notifies the family as to the child's eligibility status (free, reduced price, full-price). ◦ Applications are kept confidential and may be submitted at any time during the school year.
<p>In-state/In-city Tuition</p>	<p>Undocumented students residing in New York State can pay in-state tuition at New York universities and colleges because of a law passed by the New York Legislature as set forth in S. 7784/Bill No. A 9612- A.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-state tuition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration status requirement? No, all immigrants (including undocumented immigrants) are eligible for in-state tuition if they meet NY residency requirements. • For more information about the SUNY requirements, please visit http://www.suny.edu/student/paying_residence.cfm. • For more information about the CUNY requirements, please visit http://www.cuny.edu/about/resources/citizenship/faqs/tuition.html
<p>New York State DREAM Act</p>	<p>Would allow undocumented New York youth who meet certain residency qualifications to apply for the state's Tuition Assistance Program ("TAP").</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State financial aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: This bill has yet to become a law, but we include it because of a recent wave of support from clergy, politicians, and community leaders. • For more information about how to get involved in the campaign to pass the bill this legislative season, please visit http://www.nydreamact.org/ and http://www.nysylc.org/

