

Healthcare Accessibility Through Language Accessibility

INTRO:

- **Who cares?**
 - Immigrant Communities in NJ
 - Undocumented Immigrants
 - Children of Immigrant Families
 - NJ Residents

IMPORTANT FACTS

1. In US in 2023, 50% of likely undocumented immigrants and 18% of lawfully present immigrants were uninsured.
2. In US in 2023, 27% of likely undocumented & 8% of lawfully present immigrant adults avoided applying for food, housing or healthcare assistance in the past year due to immigration-related fears.
3. As of 2023, immigrants made up 24.2% of NJ's population, of which 23.6% were undocumented, and 30.1% of NJ's workforce.
4. In 2023 in NJ, immigrant workers made up 41.2% of the transportation industry, the 40.9% of construction industry, and 40.3% of the wholesale trade industry.

NJ FamilyCare Eligibility

1. Children under 19, regardless of immigration status
2. Lawfully present pregnant women
3. In US for last 5 years with Legal Permanent Status
4. Legal immigrants under 65 with SSDI - qualifying disabilities
5. Refugees & Asylees

HIPAA Protections

1. Protected Health Information (PHI)
 - a. Individually Identifiable Information
 - b. Medical History & Payments

Public Awareness Campaign Regarding Privacy Laws & ICE

Bill A1905

Introduced on January 9th, 2024

Primary Sponsors: Representative Ellen Park [D] & Representative Gabriel Rodriguez [D]

Referred to: [Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee](#)

Focus Area: Aging and Human Services

Synopsis: This is an act concerning the privacy rights of immigrants and the disclosure of health care enrollment information to immigration authorities, and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

Results: This will improve Latinx immigrants' accessibility to critical healthcare enrollment information, ultimately improving the overall health of the NJ immigrant population and combating other social issues, such as ACEs and poverty.

Related Policies:

- **Section 26 of P.L. 2008, c. 38 (C.30:4J - 18):** Enhances outreach, enrollment initiative for certain programs
- **N.J.A.C. 10:78-3.2:** Citizenship



Scan for Sources and More Immigrant - Related Policies!



What Does the Bill Propose?

1. Use linguistically and culturally sensitive informational materials
2. Disseminate printed material through various entities
3. Create a unique webpage dedicated to immigration and privacy issues in both English and Spanish, using links in both languages

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)

1. Fears manifest in behavioral changes, psychosomatic symptoms, mental health issues, and long-term physical health consequences
2. Increased risk of negative mental health, worse birth outcomes, and worse education outcomes

Poverty

1. In 2021 in CA, state-funded expansion of coverage to all undocumented immigrants could lower poverty among non-citizens by 2.9%.



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