

Will it hurt my sponsor if I get health care?

It depends. Your sponsor does not have to repay your health care costs if any of these is true:

- ❖ You get health care before you get your green card.
- ❖ You get health care for emergencies, like a broken arm or giving birth.
- ❖ You get treatment for a contagious disease. This includes shots. (If you think you have a contagious disease, contact an immigration advocate about possible immigration problems.)
- ❖ You and other family members, put together, have worked 40 quarters or more, according to Social Security. Call 800-772-1213 for help counting quarters.
- ❖ You get health care when you are a U.S. citizen. This includes children born in the United States, or
- ❖ You got your green card using the old affidavit of support. That is form I-134.



These are just a few examples. Even if you are not in this list, you still might be able to get health care without hurting your sponsor. Contact your health consumer center or an immigration lawyer for advice.

To learn more, see our three other brochures on health care for immigrants.

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