



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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**RE: Important Update: Immigration Status and Eligibility for NC Medicaid**

Dear County Director of Social Services:

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) wants to keep local agencies informed as we continue to monitor new rules and how they impact individuals and families in North Carolina.

Information shared with NC Medicaid is private. NC Medicaid has **not** been asked to give any data to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE). However, all states must share Medicaid data with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS is the group that runs Medicaid for the whole country. CMS shares this data with other federal groups because of federal laws.

What NC Medicaid knows:

- NC Medicaid knows about the report that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) might receive data on people enrolled in Medicaid, like home addresses and ethnicities.
- NC Medicaid uses immigration and citizenship information to determine if people are eligible for Medicaid and to follow state and federal rules.
- NC Medicaid must share information about people enrolled in Medicaid with the federal agencies such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- NC Medicaid does not share information about people who are not enrolled in Medicaid with the federal government, including information about parents/guardians of Medicaid members who do not themselves receive Medicaid coverage.
- NC Medicaid cannot ensure that the federal government has not shared personal information with immigration authorities or will not share it in the future.

If you have questions about immigration activities or enforcement, please talk to an immigration expert.

For more information, visit the [Immigration Status and Eligibility for NC Medicaid](#) webpage.

Sincerely,  
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