

IMMIGRANT HEALTHCARE RIGHTS



Your Right to Emergency Medical Treatment



The Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA), a federal law, requires most hospitals to provide treatment to patients who need emergency medical treatment, **including the uninsured**.

EMTALA is applicable to all hospitals that:

- 1) Have emergency departments, and
- 2) Accept Medicare payments from the federal government.

Since most hospitals meet both of these requirements, EMTALA covers the vast majority of hospitals across the country.

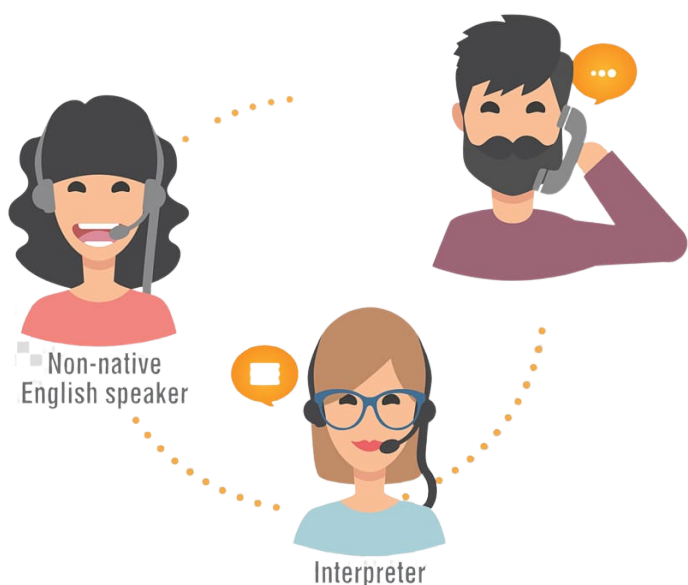
Your Right Not to Disclose Immigration Status



Disclosing your immigration status may put you or your family at unnecessary risk. All non-U.S. Citizens, including the undocumented, are **not required to disclose immigration status to healthcare providers** at anytime.

If asked about your immigration status when seeking healthcare, simply decline to answer as this information should not affect the healthcare that you will receive.

EMTALA insures that everyone, including the undocumented and the uninsured, will at minimum have access to Emergency Medical Treatment at most hospitals.



Your Right to an Interpreter

Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act requires entities that receive federal financial assistance to "take reasonable steps to make their programs, services, and activities accessible by eligible persons with limited English Proficiency."

As most hospitals and public service offices receive federal financial assistance, non-English speaking patients are well within their rights to request an appropriate interpreter. Translation services may be provided via bilingual staff, professional on-site translators, or translations over the telephone or via video.

Where to Receive Non-Emergency Medical Treatment for the Undocumented and the Uninsured

Immigration status may disqualify some Michiganders from acquiring health insurance. USCRI Detroit suggests that those who are uninsured and seeking non-emergency medical treatment seek care at local free and/or affordable community healthcare clinics.

Southeast Michigan hosts a large number of reduced-price and free medical clinics that those with limited to no insurance can access. USCRI Detroit, in partnership with the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, has created a Community Resource Guide listing a number of affordable clinics, COVID-19 testing sites, and other community resources for those in need. Please access the multi-lingual Community Resource Guide on-line at: <https://refugees.org/uscri-detroit/>