

ACCESSING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Food, Cash, Medicaid, & Unemployment Benefits



PUBLIC MEDICAL ASSISTANCE



Michigan offers several medical assistance programs, with varying eligibility criteria. Basic eligibility criteria for Medicaid includes living in Michigan, residing in a low-income household, and either being a U.S. Citizen or qualifying legal resident.

Please refer to the Michigan Bridges website at:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs>

or call your local Department of Health and Human Services office to see which program you may qualify for.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS



Individuals who have recently experienced involuntary job loss or a significant reduction in wages are eligible to receive unemployment benefits in the State of Michigan. Immigrants with work authorization are eligible as long as they:

- 1) Meet a state-determined minimum amount of wages earned over the past 6 months
- 2) Are actively seeking work

To learn more and apply, visit the Michigan Department of Labor Unemployment Insurance website at [michigan.gov/leo/](https://www.michigan.gov/leo/) or call the information desk at (866)-500-0017.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE & MIGRANT WORKER SERVICES



The State of Michigan provides refugees with cash and medical assistance for up to 8 months after entry into the U.S.

Employment services, health screenings, foster care services for unaccompanied minors, and specific services for migrant workers are also available via Michigan Bridges.

For more information and to apply, please contact your local Department of Health and Human Services Office or visit: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs>

CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE



If you cannot afford childcare, payment assistance is available for low-income families in which adults are either working or in school.

To learn more visit the Michigan Department of Education at:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs>

MICHIGAN BRIDGES: FOOD & CASH ASSISTANCE



Food Assistance Eligibility:

- Must live in Michigan
- Be a low-income household
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, refugee, special category immigrant, a permanent legal resident that is disabled or affiliated with the U.S. Military, or a foreign-born child under 18

Temporary Cash Assistance:

- Must live in Michigan
- Be a low-income household with minor children or a pregnant woman
- Must be a U.S. citizen or be a special category immigrant
- Foreign-born children under 18 are also eligible

Please refer to **Michigan Bridges** to apply for assistance, check your eligibility status and manage your account. Visit:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs>