



Maria Evacuees in Florida: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEDICAID

Can I get help for medical care?

Yes. In Florida, Medicaid provides medical coverage for low-income individuals and families, including persons who evacuate to Florida because of Hurricane Maria. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) determines eligibility for Medicaid.

How do I apply?

- You can apply online or by paper.
- Apply for Medicaid online at: <https://goo.gl/ow4wTh>.
- You can also apply for Medicaid on a paper application that can be mailed, faxed or returned to your local [Customer Service Center](#). The paper application can be downloaded at <https://goo.gl/VyXZAK>.

Do I have to stand in line to get Medicaid?

No! Evacuees from Puerto Rico are eligible to apply for Medicaid without having to go in person or stand in long lines.

Can I get Medicaid in Florida even if I intend to go back to Puerto Rico one day?

Yes, you can get Medicaid in Florida, but only if you do not plan to go back to Puerto Rico in the foreseeable future. Be careful how you describe what you plan to do when you apply. If you intend to return to Puerto Rico some day but you don't plan to do so in the foreseeable future, you can be considered a resident of Florida and get Medicaid. It doesn't matter how long you are in Florida as long as you don't have plans right now to go back to Puerto Rico in the foreseeable future.

What about verification?

DCF may ask you for verification of eligibility factors. If you do not have verification, DCF says that you can give them a statement called a self-declaration as verification.

If you are denied Medicaid, contact Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida's helpline at 1-800-405-1417 for help.