



# D.C. HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE



## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

### *What Is The Alliance?*

- The Alliance provides health insurance to low-income D.C. residents who are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare or who do not have private, comprehensive health insurance.
- The Alliance provides free medical services to those who qualify. It will pay for doctor and hospital visits, dental services, prescription drugs, and many other services.

### *Who Can Get The Alliance?*

- To get Alliance health insurance, you must:

- ✓ **Be a D.C. resident**
- ✓ **Not have Medicaid or Medicare or private insurance**
- ✓ **Your resources must be under \$4,000 (\$6,000 for couples).** Resources include cash in the bank. You can still own a car and a house. These do not count as resources.
- ✓ **Have low income.** You must have income under 200% of the federal poverty level. The income limits are shown below:

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Monthly Limit</u>	<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Monthly Limit</u>
1	\$1,815	5	\$4,362
2	\$2,452	6	\$4,999
3	\$3,089	7	\$5,635
4	\$3,725	8	\$6,272

### *I'm Not a U.S. Citizen, Can I Still Get Alliance?*

- Yes. **All immigrants, regardless of immigration status, can get the Alliance.** This includes undocumented immigrants.

### *What Benefits Do I Get Through The Alliance?*

- If you are approved, you will be automatically enrolled in a Chartered Health or Unison managed care plan.
- You will be assigned to a primary care doctor. You can receive primary care and get referrals for specialty services from your primary care doctor. The Alliance also covers inpatient, outpatient, specialty and diagnostic services, emergency trauma and urgent care, ambulatory services, school health, dental services and community clinic services.
- **All visits are free.**

### *Where Do I Apply for The Alliance?*

- You can apply for the Alliance at one of the following locations:

Anacostia Health Center	1328 W St. SE, 20020	(202) 610-7160
Congress Heights Health Center	3720 MLK Jr. Ave. SE, 20032	(202) 279-1800
DC General Health Campus	1900 Mass. Ave. SE, 20003	(202) 548-5110
Hunt Place Clinic	4130 Hunt Place NE, 20019	(202) 388-8160

Southwest Health Center	850 Delaware Ave. SW, 20024	(202) 548-4520
United Medical Center	1310 Southern Ave. SE, 20032	(202) 574-6873
Walker-Jones Health Center	40 Patterson St. NE, 20002	(202) 354-1120
Woodridge Health Center	2146 24 <sup>th</sup> Place NE, 20018	(202) 281-1160

- You can also apply for the Alliance at a **DHS service center**. To find out which DHS services center is assigned to you based on your address, call (202) 698-3900.
- DHS Service Center Locations:

Anacostia Service Center	2100 MLK Jr. Ave. SE	(202) 645-4614
Congress Heights Center	4001 South Capitol St. SW	(202) 645-4546
Fort Davis Service Center	3851 Alabama Ave. SE	(202) 645-4500
H Street Service Center	645 H Street NE	(202) 698-4350
Taylor Street Service Center	1207 Taylor Street NW	(202) 576-8000

### ***How Do I Apply for The Alliance?***

You can pick up an application at a DHS center or any place listed above, or have the application mailed.

- You have the **right to an application on the day you walk into the DHS center**. The center must accept it that day as long as it has your name, address, and signature.
- You can **mail your application**. You do not need an interview to apply for the Alliance.
- **DHS will ask for documents**, like a photo ID, proof of address (a utility bill), birth certificates, and proof of income (pay stubs).
- If you need help or have questions, **call the Income Maintenance Administration ("IMA") at (202) 727-5355**.

### ***I Do Not Speak English Well. Can I Still Apply?***

- Yes. The Alliance must make sure that someone who speaks your language can help you fill out forms and answer questions in person or over the phone. (Note that the application is available in Spanish.) You should also ask any agency to note your language preference in their records so that you can receive documents in that language and interpreter services.

### ***What If I Am Denied or Cut Off From the Alliance?***

- Request a **"fair hearing."** A fair hearing is a chance for you to explain to a judge why you believe the decision is wrong. You **must request a hearing no more than 90 days after getting a notice** that your Alliance application or recertification was denied or that your Alliance membership was cut off. If you request a hearing within **15 days of the notice that your benefits are being cut off**, you may be able to keep getting Alliance while waiting for the fair hearing to be held.

***NEED HELP? Call the Legal Aid Society of D.C. or come to one of our office locations:***

**Address:** 1331 H Street, N.W., Suite 350, Washington, D.C. 20005      **Phone:** (202) 628-1161  
**Walk-in Hours:** Mondays from 12:30pm – 6:00pm and Thursdays from 12:30pm – 4:00pm  
**Directions:** Blue/Orange Line to McPherson Square or Red Line to Metro Center (13<sup>th</sup> Street)

**The Anacostia Professional Building (the "Big Chair")**

**Address:** 2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., S.E., Suite LL-1      **Phone:** (202) 628-1161  
**Walk-in Hours:** Mondays and Thursdays from 12:30pm – 4:00pm  
**Directions:** Green Line to Anacostia

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