IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL COVERAGE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC:

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1. Massachusetts residents have the right to health coverage and access to health services regardless of their immigration status.

   Call the Health Care For All HelpLine at 800-272-4232 to apply
   or to better understand your coverage options

2. If you have symptoms of the coronavirus, you can access testing and treatment regardless of your immigration status.
   
   a. Call your doctor if you have one.
   
   b. Call 2-1-1 if you are uninsured or do not have a doctor.
   
   c. You can also call your nearest hospital.

3. If you have a medical emergency, call 9-1-1. They will not ask about your immigration status.

4. Immigration authorities do not raid or make arrests in hospitals and community health centers.

5. There are no costs for coronavirus testing or treatment to patients in Massachusetts. The hospital or doctor’s office should not bill you and you will have no medical debt for these services.

6. If you receive a bill for testing please call 2-1-1 or Health Law Advocates at 617-338-5241

7. Receiving health care or applying for medical coverage to treat the coronavirus will not be considered in your “public charge” test (if you are applying for permanent residence status).

You can apply for health coverage in Massachusetts regardless of your immigration status. Having coverage can make it easier to access testing and treatment for the coronavirus.
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