



County of Lassen
Department of Community Social Services

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Lassen County Indigent Medical Care Program (IMC)
Informing Notice

You **may** be eligible for assistance in paying your medical bills through the Lassen County Indigent Medical Care (IMC) Program. This is a program for people who have no other private or government health insurance, **and** who cannot afford to pay their medical bills.

Depending on your household income, you may have to help pay your medical bills.

The IMC benefits are considered a loan: You must agree to pay the county back any and all monies paid on your behalf for medical expenses under this program. However, reasonable payment plans are available.

IMC coverage is for a limited period: The date of your application for medical aid will be your IMC application date. We will cover up to three months beginning the first day of the month in which you apply for medical aid. In certain circumstances, we may provide coverage for the month prior to your application. Please ask your worker about this.

To be eligible for the IMC program, you must:

- Be a resident of Lassen County
- Be a US Citizen, or legally present in the United States
- Apply for other medical coverage, like Medi-Cal, CMSP, and Covered California subsidies, and be denied for those programs due to reasons other than failure to comply with application rules. If you have already applied for those programs, you **might** not have to apply again
- If you have health coverage, you might be eligible for IMC to help with medically necessary care that is not available under your health care
- Apply for the IMC program within 30 days of receiving this notice and a denial notice for another medical aid program. You can also apply after receiving this notice if you lost an appeal for another health program due to reasons other than failure to comply.
 - In limited situations, you may be given a little more time. Contact the county as soon as possible if you think you need more time
- Have (or will have) medical expenses for medical services necessary to protect your life, reduce severe pain, or prevent significant illness or disability
- Be found unable to afford the medical care (medically indigent)
- Sign a lien for recovery of any medical expenses paid on your behalf by Lassen County in case you do not repay the county. This might not apply to your resources, you can contact the county for more information
- Provide a letter from you saying why you are not able to buy insurance

The county can help you apply for IMC and some other health programs. They may also be able to help you get papers needed for your application.

How to apply: There are 3 ways to apply - (1) Call our office at (530)251-8152, (2) apply in person at one of the locations below, or (3) request an application by email at LCLWD@co.lassen.ca.us or by fax at (530)251-8149.

Physical locations where you can apply:

Lassen Business and Career Network
1616 Chestnut St
Susanville, Ca 96130
Phone: 530-251-8152 Fax: 530-251-8149

Big Valley Family Resource Center
125 HWY 299 E.
Bieber, Ca 96009
Phone: 530-294-5700 Fax: 530-294-5701

Fort Sage Family Resource Center
170 D.S. Hall St
Herlong, Ca 96113
Phone: 530-827-3007 Fax: 530-827-3008

Westwood Family Resource Center
463-975 Birch St
Westwood, Ca 96137
Phone: 530-256-3700 Fax: 530-256-8700

You have appeal rights: You can appeal the county's decisions, action, and failures to act related to IMC. You must request an appeal within 90 days of the notice or thing you disagree with. For free legal help, you can call Legal Services of Northern California at 1(888)354-4474.