

**HEALTH BENEFITS FOR IMMIGRANT SENIORS
TEMPORARY ENROLLMENT PAUSE**

State Of Illinois

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (the Department) is providing public notice that enrollment in the Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS) program will be temporarily paused effective November 6, 2023. This action is being taken through emergency rulemaking, under the authority granted to the Department by the Illinois General Assembly in [Public Act 103-0102](#) under 5 ILCS 100/5-45.37, to ensure the program does not exceed the funds available and appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget.

Anyone who is already enrolled in and remains eligible for coverage through the HBIS program will continue to be covered. Enrollment in the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA) program will also remain paused, pursuant to the [Public Notice on Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults \(HBIA\) and Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors \(HBIS\) Emergency Rulemaking & HBIA Temporary Enrollment Pause \(June 16, 2023\)](#).

The emergency rules allowing the Department to close or open enrollment with no later than 14 days calendar notice can be viewed under [89 Illinois Administrative Code 118.760\(a\)](#).

This notice may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

This notice is being provided in accordance with the processes outlined in the emergency rules under [47 Illinois Register 9114](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Department via email at HFS.Rules@Illinois.gov.