

# How to Pay for an Abortion

## In Los Angeles County



### HAVE MEDI-CAL?

With Medi-Cal, you can get confidential abortion care **at no cost to you, regardless of your age**. Medi-Cal covers transport to access abortion care through its **transportation benefit service**.

### PRIVATE INSURANCE?

California law requires *most* private health insurance plans to cover abortion services **without a co-payment, deductible, or any type of cost-sharing**.

### NO HEALTH INSURANCE?

If you live in CA and are income-eligible you can get **immediate** temporary Medi-Cal coverage for abortion care through the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Program (PE4PW). **Get help from:**  
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/mch/choi/CHOIContractorListEngSp.pdf>

**You do not need to provide ID or proof of residence.**

Once enrolled in PE4PW, you can apply for comprehensive Medi-Cal coverage and extend Medi-Cal for a year after the end of your pregnancy.

### NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?

**Regardless of documentation status**, income-eligible immigrants of all ages qualify for comprehensive health care through Medi-Cal. CA does not share immigration information with federal authorities, and enrolling in Medi-Cal will not harm chances to pursue legal residency.

### FROM OUT-OF-STATE?

You do not need to be a CA resident to receive abortion care here. However, many states do not allow insurance coverage for abortion. For more information about getting assistance paying for an abortion in Los Angeles County, **please see CA and National Resources on page 2.**

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### Need help covering costs?

- Abortion funds are private organizations that can help cover the cost of an abortion, as well as **covering out-of-pocket, “logistical” expenses** including transportation, lodging, meals, childcare, translation services, abortion doulas, and more.
- **Abortion funds do not check for immigration status or proof of citizenship.**

### Local and California Resources

- **Maternal and Child Health Access (MCHA)** offers health coverage navigation and support to individuals and their providers to ensure timely and appropriate care.
- Helps with insurance eligibility issues, coverage options, and enrollment assistance for Medi-Cal, Covered California, the Medi-Cal Access Program, and private insurance.
- May provide monetary assistance and other abortion support for expenses like childcare, transportation, lodging, etc.
- MCHA Phone Number: 213.749.4261; se habla Español.

- **ACCESS RJ** is a reproductive justice organization that operates a free, confidential Healthline to provide resources for people in need of abortion & other reproductive health care, and for healthcare providers. Offers peer counseling and referrals.
- Provides funding and support for care, transportation, childcare, food, lodging, etc.
  - English Healthline: 800.376.4636; Linea en Español: 888.442.2237
  - Text Healthline: 510.925.0335; Website [accessrj.org](https://www.accessrj.org).

### National Resources

- **The National Network of Abortion Funds (NNAF)** is a network of 100 independent funds across the U.S. that provide both financial and logistical support, including out-of-state travel.
  - Search for resources by your state here: [abortionfunds.org/find-a-fund](https://abortionfunds.org/find-a-fund).
- The **National Abortion Hotline** can provide information about abortion providers and limited financial assistance in the U.S. and Canada.
  - Multi-Lingual Hotline: 800.772.9100; Chat Hotline: [prochoice.org/patients/naf-hotline](https://prochoice.org/patients/naf-hotline).

### Are you worried about privacy?

- CA healthcare providers are **banned from releasing medical records** of people seeking abortion care to law enforcement ([Office of Governor](#)).
- For Californians, the [Confidential Health Information Act \(CHIA\)](#) allows you to protect your health information, even if you are insured under another person’s health plan.
- Through CHIA, you can submit a *Confidential Communications Request* to your insurance provider through [myhealthmyinfo.org](https://myhealthmyinfo.org).
- Talk with your healthcare providers about how they can best protect your privacy.

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