Fact Sheet: Health Coverage Options for Unauthorized Non-Citizens

What options do I have to obtain health coverage and other services if I am an unauthorized non-Citizen?	

	Local Departments of Public Health
	To find a local health department go to http://www.idph.state.il.us/local/map.htm
	
	• Public health departments provide many services which may include:
	  o Immunizations
	  o Vision/hearing testing (preschool and school-age children)
	  o Well-baby clinics
	  o Communicable disease investigations
	  o Health awareness information
	  o Health screenings (blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol and other chronic diseases)
	  o Breast cancer awareness
	  o AIDS counseling and testing
	  o Dental care
	
	Community clinics or Federally Qualified Health Centers
	To find a community clinic near you go to http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/Search_HCC.aspx
	
	• Services can include:
	  o Preventative health services and general treatment are available
	  o Some clinics also provide dental, mental health and substance abuse services
	  o Services are provided for a fee on sliding scale based on your income.
	
	Medicaid is available if:
	• You are pregnant or a child age 18 or younger OR
	• You visit the ER if you have life threatening medical emergency **AND** you would have qualified for Medicaid if you met all the Medicaid program requirements except for having a Social Security Number and verification of immigration status OR
	• You are diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease (coverage is limited to dialysis)
	
	Hospital Financial Assistance/Uninsured Patient Discount
	If you are unable to pay a hospital bill or are uninsured you should contact the hospital to ask about obtaining help. Many hospitals offer a number of options that can help with your cost of care after you complete an application and provide information about your income. Some of the help includes:
	• Financial Assistance (Charity Care)- the hospital bill can be discounted up to 100 percent if you meet the program rules
	• Limited Income Program-Services may be provided at cost if you meet the appropriate criteria.
	• Self-Pay Discount-If you are an Illinois resident, a discount will automatically be given if you are self-pay patient Payment Plan-You can arrange for time payments with a financial counselor or customer service representative.