

Know Your Rights.

ALL patients, regardless of immigration status, have certain rights in the United States.

Regardless of immigration status, people who have medical needs or concerns should seek treatment. Delaying needed medical care may worsen a health condition or make it more likely someone will need more complicated, lengthy, or expensive treatment.

You CAN decline to provide information about your immigration status.

Medical providers should not ask a patient about their immigration status. If they do, patients have the right to decline to provide that information without it impacting their medical care.

Your medical information IS private and confidential.

That means that all medical providers must safely store and secure medical information and that patients must give written permission for their health information to be shared.

You CANNOT be turned away by a hospital or emergency room, regardless of immigration status.

Under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), hospitals and emergency rooms cannot turn away an individual seeking medical care, regardless of immigration status.

You have a RIGHT to free interpretation in your preferred language.

Any health organization that receives federal funding must provide interpretation in a patient's preferred language at no cost to the patient.