



Helping DACA Recipients Apply Through Covered California

Overview

A recent federal rule change will allow DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients to sign up for a health/dental insurance plan through Covered California starting November 1, 2024*. If they qualify, eligible DACA recipients can receive financial help.

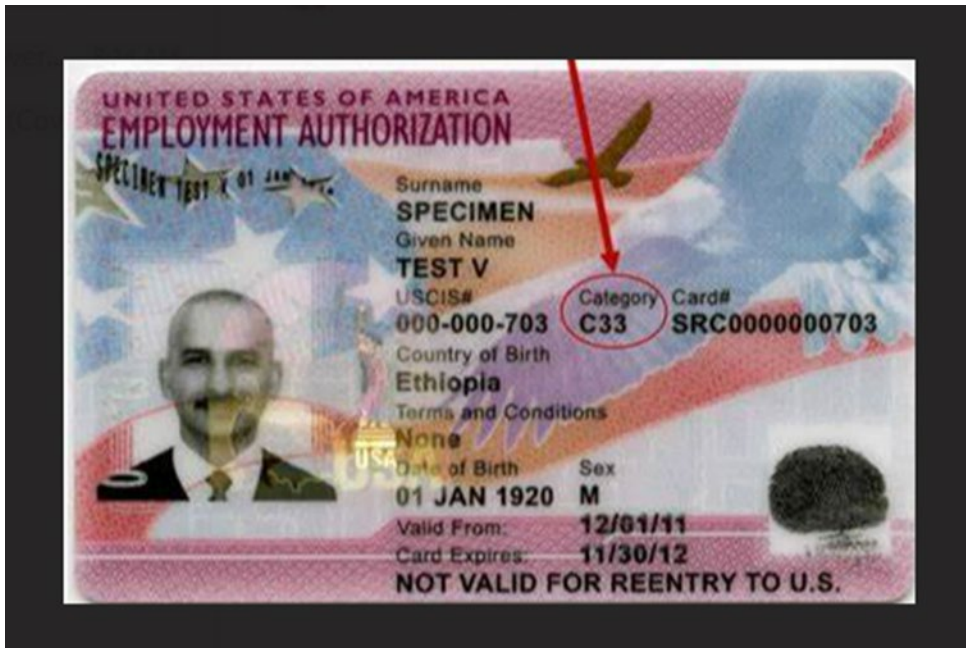
From November 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, DACA recipients can sign up for a health insurance plan using a Special Enrollment Period (SEP). On the Special Enrollment Page of the application, select the "gained lawful presence" option from the dropdown list when helping a DACA recipient apply.

DACA recipients can use this Special Enrollment Period to get health insurance for the rest of the 2024 plan year. If they sign up in November, their plan could start as soon as December 1, 2024.

**Covered California is monitoring the pending litigation seeking to block this new rule; we will promptly share updates on any developments and their potential impact on consumers, closely working with enrollment partners to ensure awareness.*

Documents to Prove Immigration Status for DACA Recipients

- Notice of Action (I-797) (showing approval of "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" status).
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) (I-766) (annotated "C33")





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Step 1

The 2024 Special Enrollment Period overlaps with Covered California's 2025 Open Enrollment Period. DACA recipients can also apply for health insurance for 2025 starting November 1, 2024.

First, begin the CalHEERS Application for a new consumer by clicking Apply Now or the Report a Change button if the consumer is a household member of an existing case.

On November 1, 2024, the Welcome page will include the year toggle for 2024 and 2025.

The screenshot shows the Covered California user dashboard. At the top left is the Covered California logo. The main header says "Welcome back, Mister!". Below this is a "Select Year" toggle with "2024" and "2025" options. The dashboard is divided into several sections:

- Complete Coverage:** A card with a folder icon containing a heart. It says "Choose a plan that best fits your needs. If you wish to make any additional changes to your household, you can still report a change to redetermine your eligibility." There are two buttons: "Choose Plan" and "Report a Change".
- Account Alerts:** A card with a yellow bar on the left. It contains two alerts: "Most federal pandemic related Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) ended on 09/04/2021. Please update your pandemic related UIB on the income page to end date this income." and "If you have moved within the last year, please update your address information to ensure you receive important information about your health coverage."
- Tax Forms & Other Important Documents:** A card with a document icon and a red notification bubble. It has a button labeled "View Proof of Coverage Forms".
- Important Dates:** A card with a yellow bar at the top. It says "28 DAYS - Covered California" and "You have 28 days left to choose a plan."
- 2024 Household Summary:** A card with a red triangle at the top left. It says "Your household has members with alerts or actions that need your attention." Below this is a circular icon with a person and a red dot, labeled "Mister D. Primary Contact". At the bottom is a link "View actions needed & alerts >".



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Step 2

Complete the application steps up to the point where you get to the Household Menu. Answer the questions for each household member if they are a U.S. citizen or national, or choose Nobody. The page will populate a section to select the household members who have valid immigration documents.

Step 3

From the household menu, select all household members who have valid immigration documents.

← Household Menu Your answers will be saved

Select all household members who are U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals.
Hint: U.S. citizens include Naturalized or Derived citizens.

Mister D.
27 yrs

Nobody

Select all household members who have valid immigration documents.
Hint: This only applies to non-citizens. We may need to ask more documentation questions later in the application, so it could be helpful to have all paperwork on hand.

Mister D.
27 yrs

Nobody

Tell us about Mister:
Is Mister an active duty or honorably discharged member of the military, or the spouse or child of a person who is?

Yes No

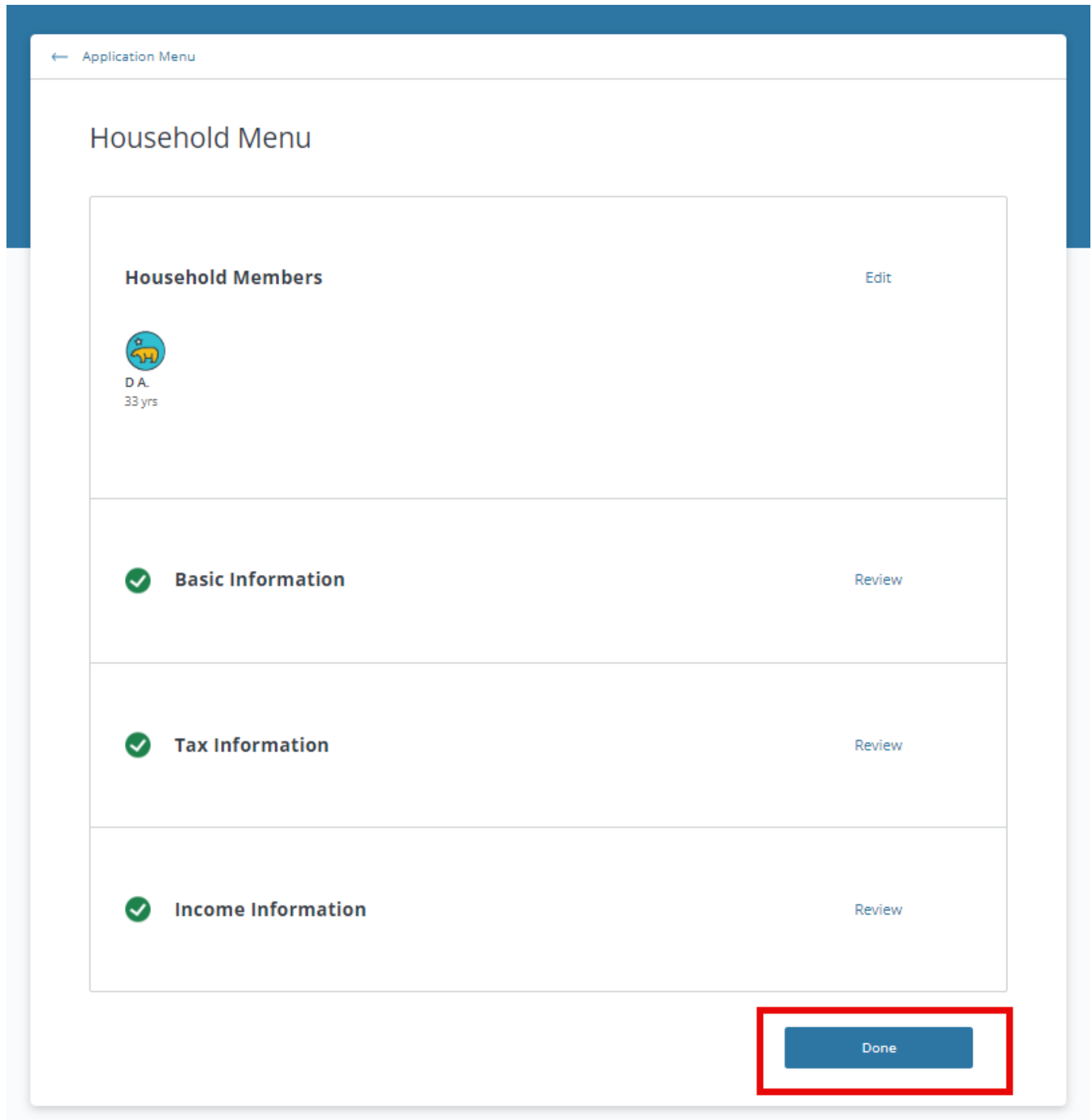
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Step 4

Continue the application questions for each section of the Household Menu and click the **Done** button.





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Step 5

Choose the Start button to enter Individual Information for each household member.

The screenshot shows the 'Application Menu' with four sections. The first two sections, 'Introduction' and 'Household Information', are marked with a green checkmark and have a 'Review' button. The third section, 'Individual Information', is highlighted with a red box and has a blue 'Start' button, also highlighted with a red box. The fourth section, 'Review & Submit', has a greyed-out 'Start' button.

Step 6

Continue through the application and complete the information. Select immigration status from the drop-down and choose “Granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals – (DACA).”

The screenshot shows the 'Individual Information Menu' with the heading 'Please select your current Immigration Status and Immigration document'. Below this is a dropdown menu with three options: 'Granted Deferred Action (but not under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - DACA)', 'Granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - (DACA)', and 'Granted Order of Supervision, with Employment Authorization'. The second option is highlighted with a red box. Below the dropdown are three radio button options: 'Filed for a U Visa', 'Taking steps to apply for a T Visa or for certification by the Office of Refugee Resettlement', and 'None of the above'.



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Step 7

Enter the immigrant document type in the next drop-down and select the answer to any dynamic questions that appear.

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Individual Information Menu Your answers will be saved

Please select your current Immigration Status and Immigration document

We can process your application faster if you enter your immigration document information now. If you cannot provide it now, you will have the chance to provide it at a later date.

Earlier in the application, you indicated that Mister is not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Select their immigration status.

Granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - (DACA)

Please choose an additional immigration status, if one applies. *Optional*

- Battered non-citizen, or parent or child of battered non-citizen
- Filed for a U Visa
- Taking steps to apply for a T Visa or for certification by the Office of Refugee Resettlement
- None of the above

Select their immigration document type.

Notice of Action (I-797)

Has Mister lived in the U.S. since August 1996?

- Yes
- No

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Step 8

Enter the complete immigration details requested, which are located on the consumer's immigration document.

Note: Accuracy of the information entered will help to ensure the consumer's Electronic verification of their Lawful presence status.

When complete, choose **Next**.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Individual Information Menu" with the subtext "Your answers will be saved". The form contains several input fields and a dropdown menu:

- Field 1: "Enter D's Notice of Action (I-797) Alien registration number." with an example "ex: 1234567890".
- Field 2: "Enter D's Notice of Action (I-797) I-94 or I-94A number."
- Field 3: "Enter D's I-797 passport number."
- Field 4: "What is the Country of Issuance for this passport?" with a dropdown menu showing "Select".
- Field 5: "Enter D's I-797 SEVIS ID." with a small "N" icon on the left.
- Field 6: "Enter D's I-797 document expiration date." with a date format "MM/DD/YYYY" and a calendar icon.

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Back" on the left and "Next" on the right. The "Next" button is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

Complete all required information on the application. Proceed to the signature page, agreeing to the terms and conditions and choosing the consent years. Complete by choosing **Submit Application**.



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Step 9


After submitting the application, the eligibility results for the household populates. The eligibility results provide the next steps, including choosing a health insurance plan and uploading documents if necessary.



Welcome to Your Household Eligibility Results Summary



Let's take a look at your Household.

Please review each member's program eligibility below.

 [Choose a plan](#) by 11/30/2024 to start your coverage on 12/01/2024.

View:  

D A.

33 years old

Program Eligibility

Covered California Plan

Financial Help

Enhanced Silver Benefits

[Upload Documents](#)

[See Full Details](#)

Household Next Steps

Please review the next steps that are important for your household.



Now, you need to choose a plan.

Choose a plan by 11/30/2024 to start your coverage on 12/01/2024.

Complete any other required actions later. Choosing a plan first will not affect your eligibility or plan options.

[Choose a Plan](#)



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Step 10

Upload requested documents, if available, or inform your consumer of the requested documents and time deadlines as shown in the eligibility results (**See Full Details** link in image on page 8). Complete plan selection for eligible members.

[< Go Back](#) D A. ★
33 years old

D A. ⌚ Eligibility Start Date 12/01/2024

Program	Status	Quick Link
Covered California Plan	Conditionally Eligible	Jump to this section
Financial Help	Conditionally Eligible	Jump to this section
Enhanced Silver Benefits	Conditionally Eligible	Jump to this section

📢 D's Next Steps

! D, you need to choose a plan. [Choose a Plan](#)

To enroll in a Covered California plan, we need to collect some additional information about your job(s).

! You must provide the following documents by 12/10/2024 or risk losing coverage or benefits. [Upload Documents](#)

- Proof of Minimum Essential Coverage
- Proof of Income
- Proof of Medicare Coverage
- Proof of Immigration Status

! D must provide their Social Security number by 12/10/2024 or they may lose coverage.



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Covered California Plan Conditionally Eligible

D, you are Conditionally Eligible for a Covered California Plan:

Please select a plan now for coverage to begin on 12/01/2024.

[Click here](#) to see what information is needed.

Please do not send your payment to Covered California.

🕒 Time

Select a Plan By 11/30/2024

D must select a plan during their special enrollment period.

Reasonable Opportunity Period: 12/10/2024

Reasonable Opportunity Period means you must provide verification documents by the date above or you may have your benefits decreased.

[Choose a Plan](#) [Upload Documents](#)

⊕ [Show More Details](#)

Step 11

Follow all additional steps outlined in CalHEERS.



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Helpful Reminders:

- From November 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, DACA recipients can apply through Covered California during a Special Enrollment Period.
- Eligibility may include financial help to lower the full cost of a health insurance plan or Medi-Cal.
- Choose “Gained citizenship/lawful presence” as the qualifying life event when applying for 2024 coverage.
- If you sign up an eligible DACA recipient in November, their health insurance plan could start as early as December 1, 2024.
- DACA recipients can also apply during the 2025 Open Enrollment Period, and eligible DACA recipients can select a health insurance plan that can be effective as early as January 1, 2025.
- Eligible DACA recipients can apply for a dental insurance plan.
- DACA recipients will need to have either a Notice of Action (I-797) or Employment Authorization Document (Card) (I-766) (annotated “C33”) to prove immigration status.
- *Covered California is monitoring the pending litigation seeking to block this new rule; we will promptly share updates on any developments and their potential impact on consumers, closely working with enrollment partners to ensure awareness.*