

# Qualifying for Alien Emergency Medical Coverage



## **What is Alien Emergency Medical (AEM)?**

AEM is a temporary DSHS program that covers the treatment you receive for a specific medical emergency, usually within a three month period

## **How do I know if I'm eligible?**

- If you are**
    - an adult with dependant children **or**
    - 65 or older **or**
    - disabled (unable to work for one year)
  
  - And** do NOT qualify for DSHS assistance because of your immigration status
  
  - And**
    - do not have a valid social security number **or**
    - have not been a resident of the US for 5 years
  
  - And** meet the income and asset guidelines for your family size
- Then** you *may* be eligible for Alien Emergency Medical Coverage

## **What does AEM cover?**

**Care directly related to the emergency condition**

Including

- Hospital, ambulance and ER
- Surgery
- Appointments with a specialist or your regular doctor
- Medications needed

## **What counts as an Emergency?**

An emergent condition is a medical problem that requires immediate treatment and the result of not getting immediate treatment would

- put the patient's health in serious jeopardy
- seriously impair body functions
- lead to the dysfunction of a body part or organ

### **List of Automatically Eligible Conditions**

**Conditions result in 3 months of coverage unless otherwise stated  
(If your condition is not on this list you CAN still apply for AEM)**

Allergic Reaction Fever	Electrocution	Malignant Hypertension
Acute Asthma	Eye Injury	Mental Breakdown
Amputation of Limb (12 months)	Fainting	Meningitis
Appendicitis	Fracture (broken bones)	Motor Vehicle Trauma
Asphyxia (strangling/drowning)	Gangrene	Pancreatitis
Bowel Obstruction	Gallbladder Infection	Peptic Ulcer (bleeding)

Bowel Perforation	Gallstones	Poisoning
Brain Injury	Heart Failure	Pneumonia
Burn Injury	Heart Attack	Post organ transplant care (12 months)
Cardiac Arrest	Hemorrhage (Bleeding)	Pregnancy (labor/delivery)
Chest Pain	Hernia	Pylonephritis – acute
Coma	HIV Positive with complications	Respiratory Failure
Concussion	Hypothermia	Seizures
Convulsion	Infection (Cellulitis or Abscess)	Shock
Deep Vein Thrombosis	Infectious Cholecystitis - acute	Sunstroke
Depression (Major)	Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (12 months)	Stroke (6 months)
Diabetic keto-acidosis	Kidney Failure	Suicidal Ideation
Dislocation of Joints	Kidney Infection	Tuberculosis (12 months)
Ectopic Pregnancy	Laceration (artery, nerve)	Traumatic Brain Injury (6 months)
	Liver Failure	

## **How do I apply?**

Call WAHA at 360-788-6594 for help applying.

You will need to provide proof of your income and assets as well as doctor's notes demonstrating your condition.

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