**In the case of a serious injury or life threatening illness...**

In the cases of a serious injury or life threatening illness, all hospitals are required to provide emergency services, regardless of your immigration or financial status. When at the hospital, you do not have to provide proof of your immigration status or provide your social security number. You cannot be denied emergency medical services based on your failure to provide these documents.

**If you are pregnant...**

If you are pregnant, the Prenatal Care Assistance Program (“PCAP”), offers you with services including prenatal visits, health education, nutrition screenings, delivery, and post-birth check ups. Immigration status does not matter for this program.

**If you are an immigrant under 19 years old, you are eligible for Child Health Plus B...**

If you are an immigrant under 19 years old, you are eligible for Child Health Plus B. This plan provides a variety of services including primary care, hospitalization, emergency care, prescription drugs, vaccinations, dental, vision, lab tests, x-rays, speech and language services, and some mental health services.

Is it safe to sign up for Child Health Plus B? Yes! The information that you provide on the application is confidential. Signing up for this program will only affect an immigrant’s ability to get a green card or become a citizen if he/she uses it to obtain long-term institutional care or if the immigrant is HIV positive.

How do I sign up? You can sign up for these programs at your local Medicaid office or Department of Social Services. Or, you can contact your local "Facilitated Enrollment“ counselor who will help you complete the application. Contact 1-800-698-4543 (The Children’s Health Insurance Line) or 1-877-934-7587 (the Family Health Plus Information) to find your local Facilitated Enrollment Counselor.

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**Your Rights as an Undocumented Youth**

Everyone in the United States, including undocumented immigrants, has basic rights under federal and local law. To protect yourself from unfair discrimination, you should know these rights.

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For more information contact:

The Door’s Legal Services Center
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555 Broome Street
New York, NY 10013
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Email: lawyers@door.org

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**EDUCATION**

**Do I Have a Right to Education?**

Regardless of your immigration status, as long as you are under the age of 21, you have the right to attend public school through the 12th grade. In addition, many organizations provide free or low fee classes on subjects such as Adult Education and English as a Second Language (ESL), and do not require documentation of immigration status.

If you are financially eligible, you also have the right to receive benefits through the school breakfast and lunch programs.

Please be aware that while state and city government employees are not required to report undocumented immigrants to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”), they may choose to do so. In New York, school officials have rarely, if ever, reported undocumented aliens to the USCIS.

**Can I receive Financial Aid for College?**

Undocumented immigrants can take advantage of certain private scholarships. To find these private scholarships, you should look to the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (www.maldef.org) and the Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund (www.salef.org).

**WORK**

**Can I work?**

Without work authorization papers, you do not have the legal right to work. But, some immigrant youth make money in other ways.

Your employer cannot withhold wages and threaten to call immigration if you complain.

**Can my employer require me to only speak English at work?**

Probably NOT. A rule requiring employees to only speak English at work may be against the law, unless the employer can prove that the English-Only rule is important for business.

Refer to the "Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices" (OSC) to find more information on employment discrimination and how to take action against discrimination that you are receiving at the workplace: http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/osc/

**WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THE USCIS COMES TO MY WORKPLACE?**

USCIS raids are very rare in New York City! But, if the INS does come to your workplace:
- Don’t allow the USCIS to enter without an order signed by a judge or permission from the boss.
- Don’t run! Stay calm.
- Don’t tell anyone where you are from or whether or not you have documents.
- Don’t give the USCIS any false documents.
- If the USCIS arrests you, demand to speak to a lawyer or a relative or close friend who can find you a lawyer. - Don’t sign anything without speaking to a lawyer.

**Important Numbers You Should Know:**
- NYS Department of Labor (212) 352-6700
- Equal Employment and Opportunity Commission (EEOC) (800) 669-4000 or (212) 748-8500
- NYC Commission on Human Rights (212) 306-7500
- Unemployment Insurance Hotline (888) 209-8124

**WORK**

**Can I travel on an airplane domestically?**

When thinking about traveling, you must remember that in order to board an airplane, you need a form of identification.

**Can I travel on an airplane internationally?**

If you leave the country and are undocumented, you risk the chance of not being allowed back in the United States.

**PUBLIC SERVICES NEW YORK CITY**

If you need help from agencies in any city, such as the police or fire departments, you have the right to receive help regardless of your immigration status. Please be aware that while state and city government employees are not required to report undocumented immigrants to the USCIS, they may choose to do so. In New York, police officers and fire fighters have rarely, if ever, reported undocumented aliens to the USCIS. Therefore, if you or someone you know needs emergency police or fire assistance, you should seek help.