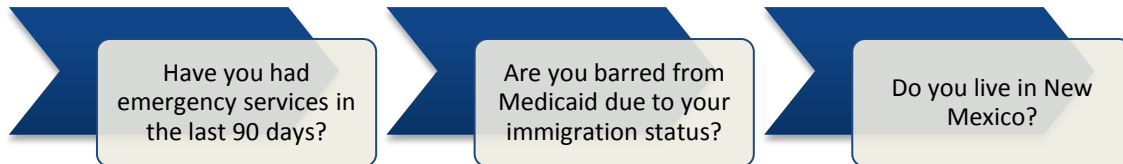


# EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANTS

## “EMSA” Can Help With Costs



**If you answered yes to these questions, you may be entitled to EMSA.**

**You have three months after the date you received the emergency services to apply. After three months, you will no longer qualify.**

**What is EMSA?** EMSA or “Emergency Medical Services for Aliens” is for immigrants who cannot get Medicaid due to their immigration status. EMSA pays for emergency medical services, including labor and delivery. *If you are not approved for EMSA, ask the hospital if you qualify for another government program called “Section 1011” that pays for emergency care, or for other charity programs or discounts.*

### How do you apply?

- ✓ You must apply within **three months** after getting services.
- ✓ You will have to apply at **both** the hospital and the Income Support Division (ISD). Ask about EMSA before you leave the hospital and, if possible, fill out an application there.
- ✓ Some hospitals will send this paperwork to ISD for you. Call to find out details:
  - UNMH Patient Financial Services – 505-272-2521
  - Presbyterian Financial Services – 505-923-6600
  - Memorial Hospital Financial Services – 505-532-4450
- ✓ If you go to an ISD office to complete the application, call 505-827-7250 to find the nearest one.

**What do you need?** Picture ID, proof of income, and proof that you live in New Mexico (*it is a good idea for you to bring these documents with you*). You do not need to provide a social security number, birth certificates, or proof of immigration status.

**How will you know if you qualified?** You should receive a letter from the Human Services Department within 45 days of applying. TAKE THIS LETTER TO THE HOSPITAL’S BUSINESS OFFICE to complete the process and make sure your bills are paid. If EMSA is denied, you will be responsible for making payments on the bill. Before you make payments, ask the hospital to check if you qualify for another government program called “Section 1011”, or any other charity program or discounts.

**Are there any immigration consequences?** The Hospital or Medicaid program **will not report information about you to Immigration officials.** EMSA will not be considered in any “public charge” evaluation and will not hurt your chances for getting lawful permanent residency (a “green card”).