

# CareLink

## What is Carelink?

Carelink is a financial assistance program established for Cook County residents who **are uninsured or under-insured and who receive medical care at John H Stroger, Jr. Hospital or any of its partner clinics**. CareLink covers the cost of health care services provided at Cook County Health and Hospital Systems (CCHHS). CareLink allows CCHHS financial counselors to screen, help apply, and approve patients for assistance programs faster than before through a streamlined process.

## What does CareLink cover?

- ✓ Visits to clinics
- ✓ Laboratory visits
- ✓ Hospital stays
- ✓ Prescriptions
- ✓ Urgent and emergency care

## You qualify for CareLink if you...

- ✓ Are a Cook County resident
- ✓ Are uninsured or underinsured
- ✓ Have an income below 600% of the Federal Poverty Level (For a family of 4, 600% of the Federal Poverty Level would mean an annual income of \$90,780)

**Social Security is NOT required to apply**

## What are some documents I may need to apply for CareLink?

- ✓ Proof of Cook County residency
- ✓ Photo identification

*See back for list of acceptable documents*

**For more information or to apply, please call  
(866) 223-2817**

or visit:

**John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital**  
1901 W. Harrison St. Suite 1370, Chicago, IL 60612

You may be asked to bring any of the following:

- ✓ Birth record
- ✓ Military record
- ✓ School or day care record
- ✓ Court-ordered guardianship/conservatorship
- ✓ Immigration and naturalization records
- ✓ Paycheck stubs
- ✓ Tax returns
- ✓ Divorce decree
- ✓ Marriage license, certificate or declaration of informal marriage form
- ✓ Child support payments and alimony records
- ✓ Unemployed benefits statement
- ✓ SSI letters and RSDI letters
- ✓ Statement of dividends, interest and royalties
- ✓ Education/training stipends
- ✓ Pension and annuity statements
- ✓ Veteran's Administration Benefits
- ✓ Worker's Compensation letter
- ✓ Written verification from employer

You must provide the following identification: 1 from List A **OR** 2 from List B

**List A**

- ✓ Valid Illinois State Department of Public Safety photo ID
- ✓ Foreign voter's registration with picture
- ✓ Valid domestic or foreign driver's license
- ✓ Military ID
- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Student picture ID
- ✓ Employee picture identification card
- ✓ Foreign voter's registration with picture
- ✓ Worker's permit identification

**List B**

- ✓ Immigration documentation
- ✓ Social Security card
- ✓ SSI/RSDI award letter
- ✓ Birth Certificate
- ✓ Voter registration card
- ✓ Wage stubs
- ✓ Referral letters from state or local agencies on agency letterhead (examples: any local entity such as a church, hospital shelter, a court or government agency)

