

## AN OPEN LETTER TO IMMIGRANT NEW YORKERS

Do not be afraid to go to the doctor, the clinic, the hospital or the emergency room. Undocumented immigrants can get medical care in New York with no fear.

The Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) runs the public hospitals in New York City. We respect you and want to help you. People who work in a public hospital will not tell the Immigration Service or other law enforcement agencies your immigration status. We will not tell anyone. Our public hospitals and health centers have a long and proud history of caring for everyone. That includes immigrants who are not citizens or legal residents and people who do not have money to pay for care. Our commitment is strong. It has not changed.

We promise all undocumented immigrants:

**HHC WILL HONOR YOUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY. WE PROMISE TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL ALL INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS.**

**You have a right to quality health care.** Do not let fear stop you from getting the health services you or your children need. Our public hospitals, health centers and clinics are located in neighborhoods all over New York City. Our doctors, nurses and other health care workers care about you. They speak many languages. Many of them are immigrants or children of immigrants. They all want to serve you with respect. They will all protect your privacy.

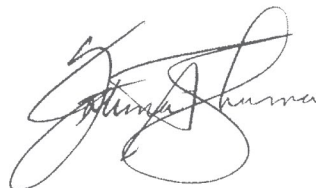
Most children and pregnant women can get health insurance. You can get it even if you are not a legal immigrant. HHC staff can help you get the insurance you need. If you do not have insurance and cannot pay a lot of money for health care, HHC will help you anyway. What you pay will be based on how much money you have and how many people are in your family. Workers at the public hospital or clinic have to ask you for some information to find out how much you should pay. They will ask you to prove how much money you earn. You will need papers to show your home address and some proof of identity and your date of birth. We will keep all of this information a secret. It will be absolutely confidential.

**Our policy is clear.** No HHC employee can give your patient information to ANYONE else. All of our employees know that if they break this promise they can lose their job. We understand that this is the only way that we can keep your trust. We know that we need your trust to give you and your family quality health services.

You can call 311 for a list of all the HHC hospitals and health centers or to send a message to HHC President Alan Aviles or the Mayor's Commissioner of Immigrant Affairs, Fatima Shama.



Alan D. Aviles, President  
New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation



Fatima Shama, Commissioner  
Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

**Bronx**

**Jacobi Medical Center**

1400 Pelham Parkway South  
Bronx, New York 10461  
718-918-5000

**Lincoln Medical & Mental Health Center**

234 East 149th Street  
Bronx, New York 10451  
718-579-5000

**Morrisania Diagnostic & Treatment Center**

1228 Gerard Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10452  
718-960-2777

**North Central Bronx Hospital**

3424 Kossuth Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10467  
718-519-5000

**Segundo Ruiz Belvis Diagnostic & Treatment Center**

545 East 142nd Street  
Bronx, New York 10454  
718-579-4000

**Brooklyn**

**Coney Island Hospital**

2601 Ocean Parkway  
Brooklyn, New York 11235  
718-616-3000

**Cumberland Diagnostic & Treatment Center**

100 North Portland Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11205  
718-260-7500

**Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**

594 Albany Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11203  
718-245-7000

**East New York Diagnostic & Treatment Center**

2094 Pitkin Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11207  
718-240-0400

**Kings County Hospital Center**

451 Clarkson Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11203  
718-245-3131

**Woodhull Medical & Mental Health Center**

760 Broadway  
Brooklyn, New York 11206  
718-963-8000

**Manhattan**

**Bellevue Hospital Center**

462 First Avenue  
New York, New York 10016  
212-562-4141

**Coler Goldwater Specialty Hospital**

Roosevelt Island  
New York, New York 10044  
212-848-6000

**Gouverneur Healthcare Services**

227 Madison Street  
New York, New York 10002  
212-238-7000

**Harlem Hospital Center**

506 Lenox Avenue  
New York, New York 10037  
212-939-1000

**Metropolitan Hospital Center**

1901 First Avenue  
New York, New York 10029  
212-423-6262

**Renaissance Health Care Network Diagnostic & Treatment Center**

215 West 125th Street  
New York, New York 10027  
212-932-6500

**Queens**

**Elmhurst Hospital Center**

79-01 Broadway  
Elmhurst, New York 11373  
718-334-4000

**Queens Hospital Center**

82-70 164th Street  
Jamaica, New York 11432  
718-883-3000

**Staten Island**

**Mariner's Harbor Family Health Center**

Forest Plaza Shopping Center  
2040 Forest Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10303  
718-761-2060

**Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center & Home**

460 Brielle Avenue  
Staten Island, New York 10314  
718-317-3000

**Stapelton Family Health Center**

Tappan Park  
111 Canal Street  
Staten Island, NY 10304  
718-390-0712

