



#### 2.5.2 Health Coverage for Child and Youth Refugee Claimants\* in Canada



\* Refugee claimants are defined by Citizenship and Immigration Canada as “Temporary residents in the humanitarian population who request protection upon or after arrival in Canada... A refugee claimant whose claim is accepted may make an application in Canada for permanent residence.” <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/research-stats/facts2010.pdf> .; Graphic created by CICH using an image from Big Stock Photo.

There are six types of health coverage available to refugees arriving to or living in Canada. These differ by the health services that are covered. Eligibility is based on several criteria such as the claimant's age, whether or not he or she is a government-assisted refugee, and the status of his or her refugee claim.<sup>1</sup>

Child and youth refugees are eligible for the most comprehensive type of coverage available to refugees in Canada – Basic, Supplemental and Prescription Drug Coverage. This coverage includes most health care services covered under the provincial/territorial health insurance plans available where the child is residing. Among the included services are in-patient and outpatient hospital services; care provided by medical doctors, nurses, and other licensed health care professionals; laboratory and ambulance services; some dental and vision care; and prescription medications included in the provincial/territorial drug plan. For a complete description of the coverage available to refugee children and youth in Canada, visit the [Government of Canada](http://www.governmentofcanada.ca) website describing the Interim Federal Health Program.

<sup>1</sup><http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/outside/arriving-healthcare/individuals/apply-who.asp>

