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Coalition for Humane  
Immigrant Rights

# LATEST UPDATE

## Public Charge

### What You Need to Know



On March 9, 2021, the Supreme Court, on Biden administration's request, dismissed the appeal and defense of the public charge rule issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the Trump Administration. **The public charge rule is no longer a threat to our immigrant communities.** DHS issued a statement that it would return to the public charge policy it had used before the Trump administration's changes.

#### BENEFITS THAT MIGHT CAUSE A PUBLIC CHARGE IN THE FUTURE

- ✓ **Cash Welfare** SSI, TANF/CalWorks, general assistance, CAPI and, General relieves
- ✓ **Long Term Care** Medicaid Nursing home, Mental health institution

**Remember:**

- Short term institutionalization for rehabilitation is **NOT subject to public charge.**
- Any financial assistance given (**Tax credits, state or federal stimulus**) to low-income families who face hardship due to the pandemic are **NOT considered public benefits** under the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services public charge rule.

#### BENEFITS THAT DO NOT COUNT FOR PUBLIC CHARGE

- ✓ **Non-Cash Benefits:** subsidized child care and transit.
- ✓ **Health Care Services:** Medicaid / Medi-Cal, immunizations, testing and treatment of communicable diseases, health clinics, prenatal care, and emergency medi-cal services, subsidized ACA, chip/healthy families.
- ✓ **Nutrition Programs:** Food stamps, WIC, school meals, emergency food programs.
- ✓ **Other Programs:** public housing, child care, energy assistance, disaster relief, job training, unemployment, transportation voucher, foster care, education assistance.

#### Exception to the Rule:

Refugees/asylees, Special immigrant Juveniles, T- Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, Cuban Adjustment Act , NACARA, Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA), Legal permanent Residents, Naturalization applicants, TPS holders.

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*achieve a just society fully  
inclusive of immigrants.*

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