

Talking About the “Public Charge” Policy Change

The proposed change to rules defining “public charge” would make it harder for many immigrants to obtain a visa or become a permanent resident (get a green card) if they have used or might use certain types of public assistance. The proposal would expand the list of assistance programs that would hurt an applicant’s chances.

- Advance Premium Tax Credits and Cost Sharing Reductions are NOT on the proposed expanded list.
- Medicaid, with some exceptions, is currently on the expanded list.
- Inclusion of the Children’s Health Insurance Program is under consideration.
- The proposed change would NOT apply to an immigrant renewing a green card or transitioning from an existing green card to citizenship (with the exception of cases where someone loses or abandons their green card status).
- The proposed rule will apply only after it takes effect (possibly sometime in 2019), so receiving benefits now will not impact immigration opportunities, but we encourage anyone who believes they may be affected to consult with an attorney with expertise in this area.
- Find more information [here](#), or in Spanish [here](#).

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