

PUBLIC CHARGE:

What the Immigrant Community Needs to Know about the Use of Public Benefits

✓ WHAT IS PUBLIC CHARGE?

A rule in certain immigration cases to determine whether a person will depend on public benefits to support themselves.

✓ HAS THE PUBLIC CHARGE RULE CHANGED?

There is a proposal to make the rule more strict, but **nothing has changed.**

✓ WHO IS AFFECTED BY PUBLIC CHARGE?

It only affects people applying for **permanent residence through a relative** or for a visa to enter the United States.

✓ WHO IS NOT AFFECTED BY PUBLIC CHARGE?

Many immigrants do not have to worry about public charge:

Refugees and asylees

People applying for a **U Visa, T Visa, VAWA, or SIJS**

Applicants for **permanent residence based on U Visa, VAWA, SIJS**

DACA or TPS recipients

The majority of **permanent residents**

U.S. Citizens

✓ SHOULD I CONTINUE RECEIVING PUBLIC BENEFITS?

Everyone **should continue** receiving benefits they are eligible to receive.

✓ IF THE RULE CHANGES IN THE FUTURE, COULD IT HURT MY CASE?

If the proposal is finalized, there will be a period of **time to change** your enrollment in certain public benefits.

✓ I STILL HAVE DOUBTS...WHAT SHOULD I DO?

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