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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