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BENEFITS

Immigrant Eligibility for COVID-19 Related Benefits

Health Care

<u>What's Available</u>	<u>Immigrant Eligibility</u>	<u>Public Charge Implications</u>
<p>COVID-19 testing/treatment for the uninsured</p> <p>Some states cover testing and treatment of COVID-19 under their emergency Medicaid program</p> <p>Community Health Centers (CHCs)</p> <p>Individuals who lose health coverage (due to job loss, for example), may qualify for a special enrollment period in the Marketplaces, including the federal Healthcare.gov Marketplace. Some state-based marketplaces allow enrollment during the COVID crisis.</p>	<p>Medicaid eligibility for immigrants has not changed. Emergency Medicaid is available regardless of immigration status, but applicants must meet their state's other Medicaid eligibility requirements, such as low-income, age, pregnancy, disability, etc. For example, in some states Medicaid does not cover a non-pregnant adult without disabilities or children.</p> <p>CHCs provide primary and preventive health care to everyone regardless of their immigration status or ability to pay.</p> <p>Immigrants who are lawfully present may be eligible to buy subsidized health insurance in the Marketplaces.</p>	<p>USCIS announced that testing, prevention, and treatment for COVID-19 will <u>NOT</u> be considered in a public charge test. Immigrant families should seek the care they need during this difficult time.</p>
<p>More information: Update on Access to Health Care for Immigrants and Their Families (NILC)</p>		

Cash Assistance

<u>What's Available</u>	<u>Immigrant Eligibility</u>	<u>Public Charge Implications</u>
<p>Individuals earning less than \$75,000 (\$112,500 for heads of household) and couples earning less than \$150,000 are eligible for: \$600/individual, \$1,200/couple, and \$600/child. For those above the income levels, the payment is reduced by \$5 for each \$100 over the levels.</p>	<p>Immigrants without a valid Social Security Number (SSN) are <i>not</i> eligible. But spouses and children with valid SSNs are eligible for both the first and second rebates if at least one parent has a valid SSN. If you did not get the first rebate because only one parent had a valid SSN, you can apply for the rebate when you file your 2020 tax returns.</p>	<p>The stimulus payment is a tax credit. Tax credits are <u>NOT</u> counted in a public charge determination.</p>
<p>More information: Immigration-Related Eligibility Requirements (Center for Popular Democracy); https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/qa-economic-impact-payments/; https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/recovery-rebate-credit</p>		

Food Assistance

What's Available

SNAP (Food Stamps)

15% increase in SNAP benefits from January through June 2021.

School Meals

Pandemic EBT or "P-EBT" – For children who attend a school that has closed and who would otherwise receive free or reduced-price meals.

Other Nutrition Programs

Provides additional funding for WIC, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and home-delivered meal program.

Immigrant Eligibility

Only certain non-citizens are eligible for SNAP, such as asylees, refugees, and some green card holders (see below). Parents who are not eligible for SNAP can apply for their eligible household members.

P-EBT is available regardless of immigration status. Households do not have to be enrolled in SNAP to be eligible.

WIC, TEFAP, and home-delivered meals are available regardless of immigration status.

Public Charge Implications

Federally funded SNAP benefits may be considered in a public charge determination. But few individuals who are eligible for SNAP are also subject to a public charge determination. Other family members' use does NOT affect the immigrant.

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is NOT considered in a public charge test.

WIC, TEFAP, and home-delivered meals are NOT included in the public charge test.

More information: [Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs](#) (NILC)
[COVID-19 Updates](#) (FRAC)

Unemployment Insurance

What's Available

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) covers workers like independent contractors and other situations where individuals are unable to work due to the public health crisis.
- Additional \$300/wk. in benefits thru 3/14/2021 in states that agree.
- Additional 11 weeks of extended UI benefits.
- Some states have waived the seven-day waiting period.

Immigrant Eligibility

Immigrants generally must have work-authorization.

Public Charge Implications

UI is NOT considered in public charge determinations

More Information: [Immigrant Workers' Eligibility For Unemployment Insurance](#) (NELP)