



Information for Patients Changes to “Public Charge” Rule

Information as of 10/18/2018

The federal government might change some rules for people applying for green cards or some visas (called “public charge”). This change might make it harder to receive a green card or visa for people who use some government benefits (Examples: Medicaid, Food Stamps).

Benefits you receive today **would not affect** any green card or visa application. Eligibility for benefits **has not changed**.

NYC Health + Hospitals does **NOT** agree with these changes. We want you to get the care you need and the health care coverage you are eligible for.

We welcome everyone at NYC Health + Hospitals, no matter what your immigration status is. That is our commitment and it will never change.

If you have questions about how receiving government benefits may affect your immigration status, please make a free and confidential appointment with a LegalHealth lawyer at NYC Health + Hospitals, or call LegalHealth’s Information Line at 212-659-6188.