Get Health Care Without Fear

You might be worried about Public Charge, but don’t let that stop you from getting healthcare!

NYC Health + Hospitals is committed to helping you get the health care you deserve. Our financial counselors and legal partners can answer your questions and explain if the public charge rule applies to you.

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| Receiving healthcare at NYC Health + Hospitals. | Receiving healthcare is not a public benefit identified by the public charge rule. If you are subject to the public charge rule, taking care of your health now could strengthen your immigration application later. | ![Get care without fear!](image)
| Medicaid | Many immigrants, including asylees, refugees, certain victims of violence, and people that already have green cards are not subject to the public charge rule. DACA and TPS recipients are eligible for state-funded Medicaid, which is not a public benefit identified by the public charge rule. | ![Most New Yorkers eligible for Medicaid can enroll without concern for public charge.](image) Get the facts on your immigration situation by calling LegalHealth: 212-659-6188. |
| Emergency Medicaid, Medicaid for Pregnant Women, Essential Plan, Child Health Plus, or a Qualified Health Plan | These are not public benefits identified by the public charge rule. Parents are not penalized for their citizen children enrolling in Child Health Plus or other benefits. | ![Enroll without fear!](image) |
| NYC Care or H+H Options | NYC Care and H+H Options are not public benefits identified by the public charge rule. | ![Enroll without fear!](image) |

If you don’t know what type of health coverage you have, call your health plan or the NYC Health + Hospitals contact center at 844-NYC-4-NYC.

If you think you or a family member might be impacted, call LegalHealth’s Public Charge hotline at 212-659-6188 for a free, confidential immigration consultation.

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PUBLIC CHARGE: Does It Apply To Me?

You and your family members have green cards.
The public charge rule does NOT apply to you unless you have been out of the country for more than 6 months.

You are applying for OR already have one of the following statuses: U.S. citizenship, T or U visa, asylum, refugee, special immigrant juvenile, VAWA self-petitioner.
The public charge rule does NOT apply to you. You can continue to use any government programs that you qualify for. The benefits received while you are in this status will not be counted against you, even if you apply for a green card on another basis.

You or your family member plans to apply for a green card, apply for a visa, or renew a visa from inside the United States.
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You still may not be subject to the public charge test, or the public benefits you or your family members receive may not be subject to the test.

You or your family member plans to apply for a green card, apply for a visa, or renew a visa from outside the United States.
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U.S. consular offices abroad use different public charge rules in making a decision. Get an immigration consultation with a professional and also contact the US consular office abroad.

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