

# PUBLIC CHARGE: Does It Apply to Me?

Public charge is a test to see if someone is likely to become dependent on specific government programs. The public charge rule is being challenged in multiple lawsuits. For the latest news about the status of the lawsuits, visit [nyc.gov/publiccharge](https://nyc.gov/publiccharge) or call the ActionNYC hotline at 800-354-0365 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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You have a green card.



**The public charge rule does NOT apply to you, including when you renew your green card.**

However, if you plan to leave the country for more than six months, you should talk to an immigration attorney.

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 **plan to apply for a green card, apply for a visa, or renew a visa from inside the United States.**



**Get an immigration consultation.**

You still may not be subject to the public charge test. Even if you are subject to the test, the public benefits you receive may not be considered as part of the test. In addition, the test does not apply if you are renewing Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program or the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

You or your family member **plan to apply for a green card, apply for a visa, or renew a visa from outside the United States.**



**Get an immigration consultation.**

There is a separate public charge rule and guidance for green card and visa applications filed *outside* the U.S. Check with an immigration attorney to get the latest information on public charge-related guidelines. If you don't have an attorney, call the ActionNYC hotline at 800-354-0365.

# Public Charge: Get Health Care Without Fear

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	Impact From Public Charge	Action You Could Take
Receiving care at NYC Department of Health Clinics, NYC Health + Hospitals, Community Health Centers	<p>Receiving health care is not a public benefit identified by the public charge rule.</p> <p>If you are subject to the public charge rule, taking care of your health now could strengthen your immigration application later.</p>	 <p><b>Get care without fear!</b></p>
Medicaid	<p>Many immigrants, including asylees, refugees, certain victims of violence, and people that already have green cards are not subject to the public charge rule.</p> <p>DACA recipients are eligible for state-funded Medicaid, which is not a public benefit identified by the public charge rule.</p>	 <p><b>Most New Yorkers eligible for Medicaid can enroll without concern for public charge.</b></p> <p>Get an immigration consultation by calling the ActionNYC Hotline at 800-354-0365.</p>
Emergency Medicaid, Medicaid for Pregnant Women, Essential Plan, Child Health Plus, or a Qualified Health Plan	<p>These are not public benefits identified by the public charge rule.</p> <p>Parents are not penalized for their children enrolling in Child Health Plus or other benefits.</p>	 <p><b>Enroll without fear!</b></p>
NYC Care, H+H Options, Charity Care at Hospitals, or Community Health Centers With a Sliding Fee Scale	<p>These services are not public benefits identified by the public charge rule.</p>	 <p><b>Enroll without fear!</b></p>

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