

Concerned About Public Benefits & Immigration?

As of October 2019, the public charge rule is blocked by federal courts from going into effect.

The rule has not taken effect because a federal judge granted a nationwide preliminary injunction in a lawsuit brought by New York City, the New York State Attorney General's Office, and the States of Connecticut and Vermont.



Don't stop using public benefits. Free legal help is available. If you have questions or concerns, consult a free, safe immigration legal service provider by calling ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and saying "public charge."



It is important to know:

- The new rule has not gone into effect. Courts have blocked it from going into effect for now.
- Eligibility requirements for public benefits have not changed, and the public charge rule would have no impact on eligibility.
- If the rule goes into effect in the future, it will not affect your eligibility for public benefits and programs.
- Many immigrants would be exempt from "public charge" in their immigration applications. If you have any questions, you should seek legal assistance from an immigration attorney.
- There is no "public charge" test for green card holders who apply for citizenship. This will not change even if the public charge rule eventually takes effect.
- If you are sponsoring a family member abroad, or will be traveling abroad to apply for a green card or visa, call ActionNYC for free, safe immigration legal services to understand how the rule might impact you if it does eventually take effect.

Stay up to date on important information about "public charge" at

[NYC.gov/PublicCharge](https://nyc.gov/PublicCharge).

Call ActionNYC and say "public charge" if you have any questions or concerns about how the rule might impact you if it does eventually take effect.

