

PUBLIC BENEFITS

RIGHTS FOR HEALTH



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- 1) US citizen
- 2) Refugee or
- 3) Asylum-seeker



SOME PUBLIC BENEFITS AFFECT IMMIGRATION STATUS...



If you have 1) No immigration status 2) Green card or 3) temporary visa...

Public benefits **can hurt** your immigration status if most of your income comes from government assistance, including:

- 1) Cash payments from government
- 2) Living in longterm care facility paid by government

PUBLIC BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY

Some benefits **do not affect** your immigration status



MEDICAID/ HEALTH INSURANCE & SERVICES

Emergency Room Medical Care



Medicaid / State-provided insurance



If you are pregnant, you can receive care using Medicaid.



CHILDCARE SERVICES

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

School Lunches



HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Yes, this includes staying in a public homeless shelter.

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Public Benefits Application

Consider the following steps when applying for public benefits.

DISCOVER

Search for available benefit programs at **BENEFITS.GOV**. Fill out the **questionnaire** to discover what you're eligible for.



PREPARE

Gather required documents including:

- Proof of **Identity**
- Proof of **Residency**
- Proof of **Income**
- Proof of **Disability**



APPLY

Apply **online**, in **person**, by **mail** or by **phone**.



CHECK STATUS

Check online or contact programs by phone to **check status** of application or **ask a question**.



RECEIVE BENEFITS

Obtain benefits. Check eligibility status and **reapply annually**.

