**ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR RIGHT TO HEALTHCARE**

**FIND OUT IF THE PUBLIC CHARGE TEST APPLIES TO YOU**

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**REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT WITH A TRUSTED LAWYER**

1. **BASED ON MY IMMIGRATION STATUS, WILL I FACE THE PUBLIC CHARGE TEST?**

   **NOT ALL IMMIGRANTS** face the Public Charge test. **The test DOES NOT apply to:**
   - Refugees & Asylees
   - Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
   - T-Visa Status (trafficking victims)
   - Legal Permanent Resident Card Renewal
   - U.S. Citizenship Applications
   - DACA & TPS Renewal Status
   - Liberian DED Holders eligible for LRIF Act
   - U-Visa Status (crime victims)
   - VAWA Self-Petitioners (victims of domestic violence)
   - Undocumented and NOT applying to change status

   - [ ] Public Charge **DOES NOT** apply to you. Continue using services and stay healthy.
   - [ ] **YES**
   - [ ] **MAYBE**

2. **BASED ON MY CIRCUMSTANCES, WHAT IS MY RISK FOR THE PUBLIC CHARGE TEST?**

   Check-off the factors that apply to you. **Discuss your helpful and unhelpful factors with a lawyer to determine your risk.**

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<th>HELPFUL FACTORS</th>
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<td>Age 18 to 61 yrs.</td>
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<td>Employed or Full-Time Caretaker</td>
<td>WORK Unemployed</td>
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<td>English Speaker</td>
<td>LANGUAGE Limited English</td>
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<td>High School Diploma, Degrees, Work Experience &amp; Job Qualifications</td>
<td>EDUCATION &amp; SKILLS No High School Diploma, No GED, No Work Experience of Job Qualifications</td>
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<td>Healthy and Able to Work</td>
<td>HEALTH Health Hinders Work</td>
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<td>Private Health Insurance</td>
<td>HEALTH INSURANCE No Health Insurance</td>
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<td>Over 250% of the Federal Poverty Level Example: Family of 4 making over $64K</td>
<td>INCOME Below 125% Federal Poverty Level Example: Family of 4 making below $32K</td>
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<td>Good Credit</td>
<td>CREDIT Bad Credit</td>
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<td>Financial Savings</td>
<td>ASSETS No Savings</td>
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<td>No use of services in Question #3</td>
<td>SERVICES Use of services in Question #3 for 12 out of 36 months</td>
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* Factors **HIGHLY** considered in the Public Charge test decision.

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**UPDATED: 6/26/2020**
Discuss next steps with your lawyer to improve your Green Card or Visa application.

**3. ARE THE SERVICES I USE CONSIDERED FOR THE PUBLIC CHARGE TEST?**

**NOT ALL SERVICES** count against you in the Public Charge test. **The test DOES NOT include:**

- Testing, prevention or treatment for COVID-19
- Pandemic Unemployment
- State-Only Funded Medi-Cal
- Emergency Medi-Cal
- County-Only Funded Health Services or Programs
- Medi-Cal for Children under age 21
- Medi-Cal during Pregnancy
- Earned Income Credit or Child Tax Credit

*Services used by family members DO NOT count against your application*

**IF YOU FILED FOR A FAMILY BASED GREEN CARD OR HAVE AN APPOINTMENT OUTSIDE THE US:**

**BEFORE FEB 24, 2020**

- CASH ASSISTANCE
  - CalWORKs (welfare)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - CAPI or General Assistance

- LONG-TERM CARE
  - Nursing Home under Medi-Cal

**ON OR AFTER FEB 24, 2020**

- FOOD: Cal-Fresh (food stamps)
- HOUSING: Section 8 assistance & Public Housing
- HEALTH: Federally funded Medi-Cal

  NOT including state or county-only funded health programs such as Health4All children, young adults, pregnancy & emergency services.

- CASH ASSISTANCE

**NO ☐**

The services you use are **NOT** considered for the Public Charge test. Continue using services and stay healthy.

**YES ☐**

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**MAYBE ☐**

TO FIND LOCAL RESOURCES:

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