

## What is “Public Charge”?

Immigration officials use the term Public Charge to mean people who rely on the government for support. If the government decides someone is a “public charge”, they can be denied permission to come to the US or denied permission to become a permanent resident.



## Public Charge changes do not apply to many types of immigrants

These groups are **not** affected by the changes:

- Refugees and asylees
- Survivors of trafficking and other serious crimes
- People who apply for protection under the Violence Against Women Act
- Young people with “special immigrant juvenile” status

## Public Charge changes do not affect many programs

These programs are **not** affected:

- Medicaid for children under 21 and pregnant women (including 60 days after giving birth)
- CAWEM Emergency Medicaid, a special kind of insurance for pregnant women
- The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) supplemental nutrition program
- Special education services that are covered by Medicaid and funded by the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)
- Discounts on private health insurance that came from Oregon’s Health Insurance Marketplace
- Health care services based in schools
- Oregon’s Cover All Kids Program
- Most services offered by Oregon’s Reproductive Health Program





## **At Multnomah County, All Are Welcome Here.**

**If you think this rule change might affect you, learn more and contact an immigration attorney.**

Multnomah County employees cannot give legal advice, but the resources below may help.

For legal resources, visit [oregonimmigrationresource.org](https://oregonimmigrationresource.org) or [protectingimmigrantfamilies.org](https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org)

For questions about benefits and enrollment, call the Public Benefits Hotline of the Oregon Law Center and Legal Aid Services at **1-800-520-5292**.

