

Table 1: Public Benefits Considered in Public Charge Test

Benefits Considered in Public Charge Test	Benefits NOT Considered in Public Charge Test
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government programs that support long-term, institutional care (such as a skilled nursing facility) • Government-funded cash assistance programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ○ Colorado Works ○ Colorado's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) ○ Old Age Pension ○ Aid to the Needy Disabled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid/Health First Colorado <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ○ Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) ○ Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, Food Assistance, or Food Stamps) • Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) • Federal Public Housing & housing vouchers (Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers and Continuum of Care) • School breakfasts & lunches • Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) • Tax credits such as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) • Colorado Child Care Assistance Program for Families (CCCAP)

Table 2: Immigration Status and Public Charge

U.S. Citizens	Public charge rule does NOT affect you.
Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U or T visa, Asylum, Refugee, or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status	
Lawful Permanent Residents/Green Card Holders	Public charge rule does NOT affect you. Consult a legal expert if you plan to leave the U.S. for over 180 days.
People applying for a green card or visa from inside the U.S.	Public charge rule MAY affect you. Only the use of very few government programs (listed above) will be considered in the application, along with other factors like income.
People applying for a green card or visa from outside the U.S.	



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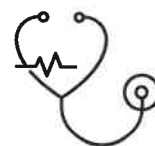
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Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) and Public Charge (April 2023)

Information adapted from the
Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

There are some important changes to Health First Colorado and the public charge rule. **You can use public benefits like Health First Colorado and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), and it won't affect your immigration status.**

What is Public Charge?

- The public charge test decides if a person might use government services in the future. The test asks for your age, income, health, education/skills, and your sponsor's affidavit.
- When applying for a green card or a visa, certain people need to pass a public charge test.

Does Public Charge Rule Affect Me?

- Using most public benefits is not considered in a public charge test (Table 1).
- Applying for any public benefits is not considered in a public charge test.
- Benefits used by family members are not considered in your public charge test.
- The public charge rule does not apply to all immigration statuses (Table 2).

How Has the Public Charge Rule Changed?

- In December 2022, the public charge rule changed. Now, the rule limits the benefits that officials consider in a public charge test.
- The new policy does not change eligibility rules for public benefits programs.

Will my Information Be Shared?

Your application information is private and cannot be shared with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. When you apply for or enroll in public benefits in Colorado, your personal information is protected. Only certain federal agencies can access your information during audits by Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Inspector General's Office. You sharing the information won't affect your immigration status or result in a public charge decision.

State of Colorado Resources

- 1-800-221-3943: Health First Colorado Member Contact Center
- 1-800-536-5298: SNAP or cash assistance programs
- Contact your local county office for help with Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) applications.
- The Office of New Americans is a contact for state agencies, private sector organizations, and the public.
- Additional questions or feedback on this document can be sent to hcpf_coverall@state.co.us

Community Resources

- The Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)
- The Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR)
- Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN)



Health First Colorado (Programa de Medicaid en Colorado) y la Carga Pública (Abril 2023)

información adaptada del Departamento de Colorado de Health Care Policy & Financing

- Hay algunos cambios importantes en Health First Colorado y la regla de carga pública. Puedes usar beneficios públicos como Health First Colorado y Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), y no afectarán tu estatus migratorio.

¿Qué significa "carga pública"?

- La prueba de carga pública decide si una persona podría usar servicios del gobierno en el futuro. La prueba pregunta por tu edad, ingresos, salud, educación/habilidades y la declaración jurada de tu patrocinador.
- Al solicitar una tarjeta verde o una visa, algunas personas deben pasar una prueba de carga pública

¿Me afecta la regla de carga pública?

- El uso de la mayoría de los beneficios públicos no se considera en una prueba de carga pública (Tabla 1).
- Solicitar cualquier beneficio público no se considera en una prueba de carga pública.
- Los beneficios utilizados por los miembros de la familia no se consideran en tu prueba de carga pública.
- La regla de carga pública no se aplica a todos los estatus migratorios (Tabla 2).

¿Cómo ha cambiado la regla de carga pública?

- En diciembre de 2022, la regla de carga pública cambió. Ahora, la regla limita los beneficios que los funcionarios consideran en una prueba de carga pública
- La nueva política no cambia las reglas de elegibilidad para los programas de beneficios públicos

¿Se compartirá mi información?

- Su información de solicitud es privada y no puede ser compartida con los Servicios de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de los Estados Unidos. Cuando solicita o se inscribe en beneficios públicos en Colorado, su información personal está protegida. Solo ciertas agencias federales pueden acceder a su información durante auditorías realizadas por los Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid y la Oficina del Inspector General. Compartir la información no afectará su estatus migratorio ni resultará en una decisión de carga pública.

Recursos del Estado de Colorado

- 1-800-221-3943: Centro de Contacto para Miembros de Health First Colorado
- 1-800-536-5298: Programas de cupones de alimentos o asistencia en efectivo o Comunícate con la oficina del condado local para obtener ayuda con las solicitudes del Programa de Asistencia para Cuidado Infantil (CCAP).
- La Oficina de Nuevos Americanos es un contacto para agencias estatales, organizaciones del sector privado y el público.
- Preguntas adicionales o comentarios sobre este documento se pueden enviar a hcpf_coverall@state.co.us

Recursos de la Comunidad

- Coalición de Derechos de los Inmigrantes de Colorado (CIRC)
- Organización de Oportunidades y Derechos Reproductivos para Latinas de Colorado (COLOR)
- Red de Defensa de Inmigrantes de las Montañas Rocosas (RMIAN)