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NEW YORK



SEEK  
MEDICAL  
CARE IF  
YOU  
NEED  
IT

The prevention or treatment for COVID-19 will **NOT** be used against **immigrants** in a public charge test.

Immigrant families should seek the medical care they need during this difficult time.

## Use of Medical Services or Health Insurance

New York State has expanded Emergency Medicaid coverage to pay for COVID-19 testing and treatment. Additionally, many clinics and hospitals offer medical services by telemedicine or in person (if necessary). **The services are free or low cost for individuals without health insurance and regardless of their immigration status.**

For individuals with health insurance, health plans are waiving copayments for diagnostic tests and evaluations related to coronavirus.

## WHAT IS PUBLIC CHARGE

Immigration officials use "public charge" or "public charge test" to decide whether a person can enter the United States or obtain a green card (legal permanent resident or "LPR" status).

## APPLIES

When applying for a green card through a family or employment petition, either in the US or at a consulate or embassy abroad.

## DOES NOT APPLY TO PEOPLE IN MANY STATUSES INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

- Refugees
- Asylees
- Survivors of Domestic Violence (VAWA)
- Victims of offenses/crimes (Visa U)
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)

Immigrant Health  
and Public Charge  
during Covid-19

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