

Public charge rule and Colorado immigrants

IMPORTANT UPDATE: On March 9, 2021, the Department of Homeland Security [announced](#) that it would stop defending lawsuits related to the 2019 public charge rule, and the U.S. Supreme Court dropped the case. This ultimately means that the 2019 public charge rule will no longer apply. The application of the public charge determination reverts back to the 1999 guidance. The [1999 guidance](#) is much narrower in scope in terms of programs considered under the public charge rule.

The only programs considered are ongoing cash assistance programs and long-term institutionalization at the government's expense.

The rule continues to only apply to a subset of the immigrant population- those applying for legal permanent residence or a visa.

Please find more information on these [Community Fact Sheets](#).

English	Amharic	Arabic	Burmese
Chinese (simplified)	Dari	Karen	Nepali
Russian	Somali	Spanish	Swahili
Vietnamese			

This information was updated on March 29, 2021.

Links and resources

Office of Legal Access Programs

Download a [list of Colorado Office of Legal Access Programs](#), which have been accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice. These are mostly low-cost or nonprofit assistance sites where individuals can access trusted advice.

Find an immigration lawyer

Use the [American Immigration Lawyers Association's website](#) to find an immigration lawyer.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services links:

[Green Card \(LPR\) Processes and Procedures](#)
[Policy Manual Updates](#)