

Benefit Programs Not Included in Public Charge:

If you are an immigrant who has a green card or can apply for or change your status from *inside* the U.S.

You can safely use these popular benefits:

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Healthcare:

- BadgerCare Plus (Medicaid) for children under 21
- Marketplace Financial help (Premium Tax Credits)
- Emergency Services
- Prenatal Services
- Discounts at community health centers
- Hospital financial assistance
- Well Woman Program
- Ryan White Care Act
- 340B & Prime Vendor Program for medications
- Seal-A-Smile dental program
- HIV Drug Assistance & Insurance Assistance Programs

Programs for children with disabilities:

- Birth to 3
- Katie Beckett

Childcare programs:

- Childcare assistance (Wisconsin Shares program)
- Head Start

School based assistance:

- Bus passes
- School meals
- Other school programs
- Transition Education Program for homeless children

Food Programs:

- WIC food assistance
- Summer meal program
- Food pantries
- Free and reduced price school meals

Other programs:

- Energy assistance
- Homeless shelters
- Student loans
- Disaster relief programs
- Services from child abuse, domestic abuse, and sexual assault programs, including shelter
- Public Housing and Section 8

For immigrants, including children, who must apply for a green card or visa from *outside* the US:

U.S. consulates outside the US use stricter rules to decide if you'll become a public charge. If your family uses public benefits and will need to apply for a green card or visa from outside the US, speak to an immigration lawyer to better understand how using benefits may affect your family's immigration status.

Free and low-cost legal options for immigration help:

In Wisconsin: www.coveringwi.org/immigration

Outside Wisconsin: www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory



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