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Community Health Care Association of New York State

**Know Before You Go: Use of Health Center Services Are Not Included in a Public Charge Test**

This document outlines the kinds of benefits that may be included in a public charge determination test. Before reviewing this document, please determine if you are subject to the public charge determination test. This document below **only applies to individuals who are subject to the public charge test**. If you are not subject to public charge, you should continue collecting benefits for which you are eligible. For free legal assistance, regardless of immigration status, contact the Office for New Americans Hotline: 1-800-566-7636.

Benefit type	Impact from Public Charge
<b>Cash Assistance (SSI, TANF)</b>	The public charge determination test does include receipt of federal, state, and local cash assistance. Please determine if the public charge test applies to you.
<b>Emergency Medicaid, Medicaid for Pregnant Women, Essential Plan, Child Health Plus, Qualified Health Plan</b>	These benefits are <b>not included</b> in a public charge determination test.
<b>Federally Funded Medicaid</b>	The public charge determination test includes receipt of federally funded Medicaid benefits (not including Emergency Medicaid, Medicaid for Pregnant Women, and Child Health Plus). Please determine if the public charge test applies to you.
<b>Health Center Services</b>	Receipt of any health care services, including those furnished by a health center, are <b>not included</b> in the public charge determination test.
<b>Health Center Sliding Fee Scale</b>	The use of health center sliding fee scale is <b>not included</b> in the public charge determination test.
<b>Medicare</b>	Medicare is <b>not included</b> in the public charge determination test.
<b>Section 8 Housing Assistance, Vouchers</b>	The public charge determination test does include receipt of Section 8 Housing Assistance and Vouchers. Please determine if the public charge test applies to you.
<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</b>	WIC is <b>not included</b> in the public charge determination test.
<b>State Funded Medicaid (covers PRUCOL in NYS)</b>	This type of Medicaid is state-funded. State-funded benefits are <b>not included</b> in the public charge determination test.
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>	The public charge determination test does include receipt of SNAP benefits. Please determine if the public charge test applies to you.