## Health Care

### What’s Available
- COVID-19 testing/treatment/vaccinations for the uninsured
- Some states cover testing and treatment of COVID-19 under their emergency Medicaid program
- Community Health Centers (CHCs)

### Immigrant Eligibility
- Medicaid eligibility for immigrants has not changed. Emergency Medicaid is available regardless of immigration status.
- Applicants must meet their state’s other Medicaid eligibility requirements, such as low-income, age, pregnancy, disability, etc. For example, in some states Medicaid does not cover a non-pregnant adult without disabilities or children.
- CHCs provide primary and preventive health care to everyone regardless of their immigration status or ability to pay.
- Immigrants who are [lawfully present](#) may be eligible to buy subsidized health insurance in the Marketplaces.

### Public Charge Implications
- USCIS announced that testing, vaccination, and treatment for COVID-19 will **NOT** be considered in a public charge test. Immigrant families should seek the care they need during this difficult time.

**More information:** [Update on Access to Health Care for Immigrants and Their Families](#) (NILC)

## Cash Assistance

### What’s Available
- **Payment #1:**
  - $1200/qualifying adult
  - $500/qualifying child
- **Payment #2:**
  - $600/qualifying adult
  - $600/qualifying child

Individuals earning less than $75,000 ($112,500 for heads of household) and joint filers earning less than $150,000 For those above the income levels, the payment is reduced by $5 for each $100 over the levels.

### Immigrant Eligibility
- Immigrants without a valid Social Security Number (SSN) are **not** eligible.
- For Payments #1 & #2:
  - Spouses and children with valid SSNs are eligible for both the first and second rebates if at least one parent has a valid SSN.
  - If you did not get the first rebate because only one parent had a valid SSN, you can apply for the rebate when you file your 2020 tax returns.

### Public Charge Implications
- The stimulus payment is a tax credit. Tax credits are **NOT** counted in a public charge determination.
### Payment #3:
- $1400/qualifying taxpayer with an SSN
- $1400/qualifying dependent with an SSN

For those above the income levels, the payment is gradually reduced to $0 at $80,000 (individuals), $120,000 (heads of household) and $160,000 (joint filers).


### Food Assistance

#### What’s Available
- **SNAP (Food Stamps)**
  - 15% increase in SNAP benefits from January through September 2021.
- **School Meals**
  - Pandemic EBT or “P-EBT” – For children who attend a school that has closed and who would otherwise receive free or reduced-price meals.
- **Other Nutrition Programs**
  - Provides additional funding for WIC, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and home-delivered meal program.

#### Immigrant Eligibility
- Only certain non-citizens are eligible for SNAP, such as asylees, refugees, and some green card holders (see below). Parents who are not eligible for SNAP can apply for their eligible household members.
  - School meals and P-EBT are available regardless of immigration status. Households do not have to be enrolled in SNAP to be eligible.
  - WIC, TEFAP, and home-delivered meals are available regardless of immigration status.

#### Public Charge Implications
- SNAP (food stamps) benefits, Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), WIC, TEFAP, and home-delivered meals are NOT included in the public charge test.

More information: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs [NILC]
COVID-19 Updates [FRAC]

### Unemployment Insurance

#### What’s Available
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) covers workers like independent contractors and other situations where individuals are unable to work due to the public health crisis.
- Additional $300/wk. in benefits thru 9/6/2021 in states that agree.
- Additional 11 weeks of extended UI benefits.
- Some states have waived the seven-day waiting period.

#### Immigrant Eligibility
- Immigrants generally must have work-authorization.

#### Public Charge Implications
- UI is NOT considered in public charge determinations

More Information: Immigrant Workers’ Eligibility For Unemployment Insurance [NELP]