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Using SNAP, Medicaid, or other Public Benefits? Here's What to Know.

English

Starting September 18, 2026, the federal government will use new rules about how using public benefits can impact your immigration case. That date could change if a court delays or blocks the new rules.

The changes do not apply to all immigrants.

At this time, do not stop using the public benefits or City services you need without speaking with a trusted legal provider.



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English

Upcoming Changes to Public Charge

At this time, do not stop using the public benefits or City services you need without speaking with a trusted legal provider.



- Point your phone's camera at the QR code below and hold steady for a few seconds.
- Tap the notification that appears to access the information.



To get connected to trusted legal services, please call MOIA's free and confidential Immigration Legal Support Hotline



1-800-354-0365

Interpretation is available.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/publiccharge

