



Update: New injunctions blocking public charge will help Oregonians access health and other benefits

The Office of Equity and Multicultural Services would like to share with you the latest information about “Public Charge.”

“Public Charge” is a test used by U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services to decide who it will let into the U.S., who can renew certain temporary visas and who can get Lawful Permanent Residency (LPR) — also known as a green card. Public Charge is a test for the use of public programs and benefits. It went into effect February 24, 2020.

These times have been scary and uncertain for many Oregonians. More so for those of us who already are fearful of seeking medical care that may put our families at risk. Now, new injunctions will allow immigrant communities across the U.S. to safely access critical health care and public assistance during health crisis. This new injunction can lessen the worry and stress and help protect our loved ones and community members in the fight to end the spread of the Coronavirus.

Please read this information from the National Immigration Law Center: <https://www.nilc.org/2020/07/29/injunctions-block-public-charge-rules-amid-pandemic/>.

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