
- We understand that you may have concerns about the impact of your health care or other public assistance benefits. State and federal laws are still in effect that entitle you and your family to health care coverage and assistance for which you are eligible. Our role is to help you receive the health care and other types of assistance you and your family are eligible to receive.

- Nothing has changed regarding current benefit eligibility standards, processes, your coverage, or how we use and protect your personal information. We continue to process your applications and renewals, and provide benefits to you just as we did before.

- If you have questions about the impact on your immigration status of applying for or receiving public benefits, we encourage you to consult reliable sources such as trained immigration attorneys and reputable nonprofit immigration service providers to discuss your specific situation. Among the resources available, the California Department of Social Services maintains a list of all CDSS-funded legal services providers as well as a list of providers who can provide legal consultation and/or education and outreach services specifically related to public charge. Locally, there are several organizations listed, including Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), Mixteco Indígena Community Organizing Project (MICOP), El Concilio Family Services and Líderes Campesinas.

- The State of California has also created a website on Public Charge as well as a Public Charge Guide that provides additional information.