

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: IMMIGRANTS IN NEW YORK ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFIT PROGRAMS

Immigrants who have just arrived in New York may be eligible for benefit programs that provide money and medical care, including:



CASH ASSISTANCE provides you with some money twice a month so you can buy things you need, like toiletries and clothes.



MEDICAID pays for your medical care, like going to the doctor or getting medications.



WIC helps women, infants and children buy things they need, like formula or cereal.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You do NOT need to be a US citizen to receive these benefits.
- These benefit programs are here to help you meet some of your basic needs in New York, including clothes, food, toiletries, and medicine.
- Applying for WIC and Medicaid should NOT harm your immigration status and applying for cash assistance will not automatically deem you a “public charge”.
- The “public charge rule” does not apply to asylees, refugees, VAWA self-petitioners, U-visa and T-visa holder, special immigrant juveniles, or certain individuals paroled into the U.S.

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for Cash Assistance and Medicaid through an agency called the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) no matter your immigration status. To find the nearest WIC location call 1-800-522-5006.

Scan the QR Code or visit legalservicesnyc.org/immigrantbenefits for more information on how to apply for Cash Assistance and Medicaid.

