

## CURRENT IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS:

In April 2020, Trump suspended immigration into the US for:

- Parents and adult children of U.S. citizens
- Spouses and children of Green Card holders
- Applicants for most employment-based visas
- Diversity Visa Program temporarily shut down
- US Citizenship and Immigration Services currently closed: No processing of applications for immigration, naturalization or citizenship
- Refugee resettlement on hold
- Citizenship ceremonies postponed until further notice

## EXCEPTIONS TO IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS:

- Temporary "nonimmigrant" visa holders (i.e. farmworkers, medical professionals)
- Immigrants already living and working in the US seeking to become permanent legal residents (Green Card)
- Spouses and underage children of US citizen

**\$1,200 cash payment to qualifying individuals**

## ELIGIBLE FOR \$ IF YOU:

- Have a social security number
- Filed a 2018 tax return or are not required to file a tax return

## INELIGIBLE FOR \$ IF:

- No social security number
- ANY individual in your household uses an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

## WARNINGS:

- Collection of this payment may negatively impact future Green Card or Visa applications (Public Charge Rule)

## FULL-SCOPE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR IMMIGRANT:

- Entered USA before 8/22/1996
- Have been a "qualified" immigrant for 5 years or more
- Asylum /refugee status/ withholding of deportation
- Victims of trafficking
- Military + Family
- Full list of eligibility at [nilc.org](http://nilc.org)

## EMERGENCY MEDICAID:

All are eligible

## MEDICAID + CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP):

Lawfully residing children and pregnant women in North Carolina



## REQUIREMENTS TO COLLECT UNEMPLOYMENT:

- Valid work authorization (undocumented workers NOT eligible)
- Social Security Number or Alien number
- Unemployed due to no fault of their own
- Earned at least \$780 in wages in one of the last 2 quarters
- Physically able, available, and actively seeking work
- Must register for work with state's job service office at [ncworks.org](http://ncworks.org)

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Immigrants who the government considers likely to become a "public charge" are likely to be denied green cards/visas.

## WHAT COUNTS NEGATIVELY:

- Use of Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Any cash benefit programs for income maintenance
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/ food stamps)
- Section 8 Housing Assistance or Project-Based Rental Assistance; Public Housing

## WHAT DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST YOU:

- Use of Emergency Medicaid or emergency medical assistance
- Testing, treatment, or preventative care (including vaccines, if one becomes available) related to COVID-19
- SNAP for Women, Infants, and Children
- CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)

## IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT POLICIES:

ICE will NOT conduct enforcement actions (arrests, interviews, searches, and surveillance) around medical centers and other sensitive locations\*

\*technically still have the right to do; exercise caution

Health care providers have no affirmative legal obligation to inquire into or report to federal immigration authorities about a patient's immigration status.

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