

## **Good news! Medicaid will not hurt your immigration status**

**Can't get Medicaid because of your immigration status?** Medicaid may still pay for emergency medical care. This will **NOT** hurt your immigration status.

**Why are we telling you this?** An immigration rule called **public charge** started February 24, 2020. It looked at immigrants who get or apply for Medicaid and other help. On March 9, 2021, this rule was vacated. This means it is no longer being used. **If you get or apply for Medicaid, it will not hurt your immigration status.** The ONLY exception to this is if you are applying for or getting Medicaid to pay for care in a nursing home.

**Are you an immigrant in a nursing home and need Medicaid to pay?** This can keep you from entering the U.S. or getting a green card. People who get Medicaid to pay for long-term care in a nursing home may be considered a public charge. This is not a new rule.

### **Need help deciding what to do?**

Get **free** legal help. Call Vermont Legal Aid at **1-800-917-7787**. Or go to [vtlawhelp.org/health](https://vtlawhelp.org/health) on the internet.