PUBLIC CHARGE & COVID-19
WHAT IMMIGRANTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PUBLIC CHARGE AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHAT IS PUBLIC CHARGE?
PUBLIC CHARGE is a term used by immigration officials referring to people who primarily rely on government cash assistance to support themselves.

WILL THIS BE A PUBLIC CHARGE?
Will receiving government support for a COVID-19 testing and prevention be considered under the Public Charge rule?
NO USCIS does not consider TESTING, TREATMENT, or PREVENTIVE SERVICES (i.e. if vaccine will become available) under the Public Charge rule.

Will applying and receiving for unemployment benefits be considered under the Public Charge rule?
NO USCIS does not consider state unemployment benefits under the Public Charge rule as unemployment benefits are considered earned benefits.

Will receiving my stimulus check under the CARES Act impact my immigration application under the Public Charge rule?
NO USCIS does not consider tax credits under the Public Charge rule. The $1,200 (individual) or $2,400 (married) and the +$500/child you receive from the CARES Act will not be considered by USCIS as public charge.

WHAT WILL STILL BE A PUBLIC CHARGE?
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