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Health & Human Services Agency



The Health and Human Services Agency is one of four groups or divisions of San Diego County government. The Agency provides a broad range of health and social services to promote wellness, self-sufficiency, and a better quality of life for individuals and families in San Diego County. The Agency integrates health and social services through a unified service-delivery system that is family focused and community-based. Services are delivered in a cost-effective and outcome-driven fashion, and support **Live Well San Diego**, the County vision for healthy, safe and thriving communities.

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Self-Sufficiency Programs

Self Sufficiency is the branch of the Health and Human Services Agency that provides social welfare services to citizens in need. These services include, but are not limited to: cash, food assistance, employment services and medical needs. There are a variety of programs available for persons both with and without minor children.

The service areas and services for this program are listed below. Click on any icon for more information.



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Access Customer Service Center

The Access Customer Service Call Center is an extension of the County of San Diego Family Resource Centers (FRCs). Access customer service representatives are experienced eligibility workers who are trained in CalWORKs, CalFresh, and Medi-Cal programs.



CalFresh

CalFresh is also known as the federal **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**. CalFresh is a program for low-income families and individuals that meet certain income guidelines. CalFresh benefits help supplement your food budget and allow families and individuals to buy nutritious food.



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Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

CAPI is a cash assistance program for certain immigrants who are not eligible for the federally funded Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) program.



County Medical Services (CMS)

CMS is a program of last resort for eligible adults that covers only necessary medical services. CMS is not health insurance, but it uses a network of Community Health Centers, private physicians and local hospitals to provide medical services.



General Relief (GR)

GR provides temporary cash assistance for eligible county residents who have no other means of support.



Health Care Options

Health Care Options is a program to inform people on Medi-Cal about their health care choices and health plan options.



Medi-Cal Program

Medi-Cal pays for many health care services, including some dental services, for certain residents of California.



The Office of Military & Veterans Affairs

The Office of Military & Veterans Affairs provides professional services for military veterans and their dependents and survivors who are entitled to benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the State of California, and other agencies as applicable.



CalAIM

Public Charge information on San Diego County HHSa website:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ssp/resources.html>

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Additional Resources

You may be eligible for other Local, State and Federal assistance programs and services. Contact the programs directly for more information.

211 San Diego - Local Resource Guide

2-1-1 provides free and confidential information and referral. Call 2-1-1 for help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more.

CA HHSa Public Charge Guide / CA HHSa Guia Sobre La Carga Publica

Emergency Services

- **Child Abuse Hotline:** 800-344-6000
- **Elder Abuse Hotline:** 800-510-2020
- **Domestic Violence Hotline:** 888-385-4657
- **Suicide Prevention:** 888-724-7240
- **Safely Surrendered Baby Law:** 858-694-5700

Health Insurance Programs

- **Medicare:** 800-633-4227
- **Health Care Options:** 800-430-4263
- **Covered CA/Affordable Care Act (ACA):** 800-300-1506

Other Related Services

- **Appeals:** 800-952-5253
- **EBT Card Customer Service:** 877-328-9677
- **Fraud:** 800-421-2252
- **Medi-Cal Billing Inquiries:** 916-636-1980
- **Medi-Cal Benefits and Services**
- **Revenue & Recovery:** 619-515-6200
- **Reschedule interview appointment:** 1-833-246-6948

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You should keep all appointments, including any doctor's appointments. You should also continue to seek and access public services to ensure you and your family can thrive and be healthy.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ENFORCE 2019 PUBLIC CHARGE FINAL RULE.
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will no longer consider participation in Medi-Cal (except for long-term care), public housing, or CalFresh as part of the public charge determination.

Additionally, a reminder that medical testing, treatment and preventative services for COVID-19, including vaccines, are not considered for public charge purposes.

EVERY FAMILY IS DIFFERENT, REACH OUT FOR QUALIFIED LEGAL ADVICE.
It is important for concerned individuals and families to know their rights and empower themselves with accurate information to understand whether public charge affects them or not. If you have questions, an immigration or public benefits attorney can give you advice based on the specific facts of your individual situation. A list of nonprofit organizations qualified to provide assistance to individuals is available on the California Department of Social Services website.

WHO IS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC CHARGE?
Only some immigrants are subject to public charge. Public charge is applied to people seeking admission (Visa) into the United States or applying to adjust their status (green card) with some exceptions. It does not apply to Refugees; Asylees; Temporary Protected Status applicants; Special Immigrant Juveniles; asylum applicants; and certain victims of crime, including domestic violence and trafficking, among others. It also does not apply to most lawful permanent residents, unless they leave the United States for over 180 days and seek to reenter.

WHAT IS PUBLIC CHARGE?
As a result of federal policy change, the 1999 interim field guidance on the public charge inadmissibility provision (i.e., the policy that was in place before the 2019 Public Charge Final Rule) will apply now.

Public charge is defined as a non-citizen who is likely to become "primarily dependent on the government for subsistence, as demonstrated by either (i) the receipt of public cash assistance for income maintenance or (ii) institutionalization for long-term care at government expense." For additional details visit, [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website](https://immigrantguide.ca.gov).

Need More INFORMATION? <https://immigrantguide.ca.gov>

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Refugees, Immigrants and Asylees


We provide financial, food, and healthcare assistance, employment and training, and other culturally sensitive supportive services and referrals.

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Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants

Financial assistance for aged, blind, and disabled non-citizens

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Financial Assistance for newly-arrived refugees without dependent children

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Public Charge

Our Agency is thrilled to let you know that President Biden has taken action to end the Trump public charge policy. It is now safe for immigrants and their families to use the health, nutrition, and housing programs to which they are legally entitled without fear or confusion.

Specifically:

- > Use of Medi-Cal, CalFresh, public housing, and section 8 voucher rental assistance will NO LONGER be considered when applying for legal permanent residency or entry into the United States.
- > Medical treatment, testing or preventive services for COVID-19, including vaccines, will not be considered for public charge purposes.
- > The only programs considered when applying for legal permanent residency or entry into the country are:

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News from SFHSA

Federal pandemic unemployment benefits ended on September 4

If you no longer get this benefit, you may be eligible for programs offering cash, job, food, and health care assistance.

[SEE PROGRAMS & APPLY](#)

Mask requirements & vaccination updates

Masks are required for indoor public places, including SFHSA Service Centers, regardless of a person's vaccination status. SFHSA's vaccination clinics are free and open to the public. Drop by. No appointment necessary.

Get financial assistance & free legal aid

Take advantage of the benefits offered by rental assistance, child tax credit, eviction prevention, and job assistance programs.

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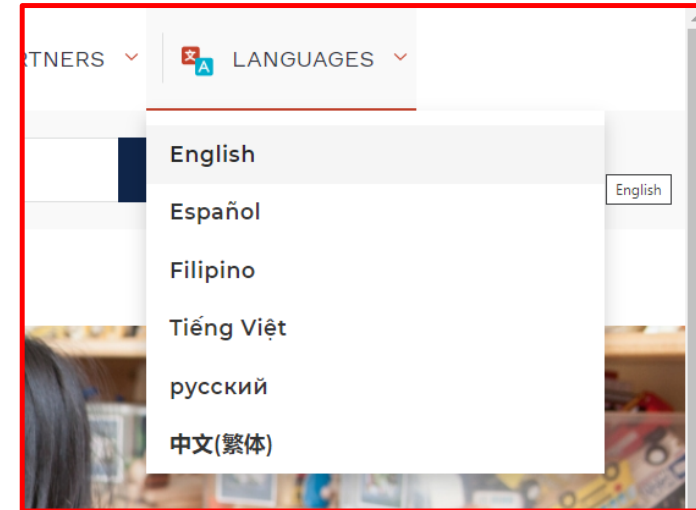
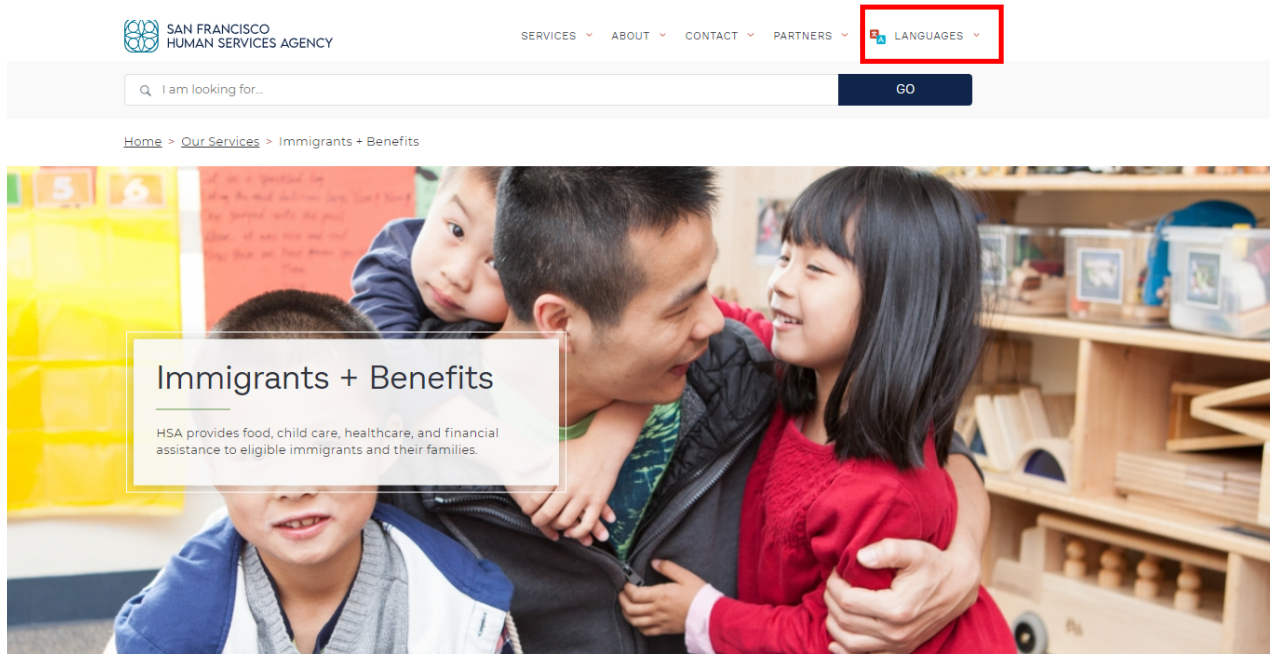
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Public Charge, Benefits for Immigrants

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Benefits and Resources Hub, Veterans Services, Advocacy + Consumer Rights

Care + Support
In-Home Supportive Services

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New federal laws enable immigrant families to seek COVID-related health care

Testing, prevention, or treatment for COVID-19 are available to everyone, regardless of immigration status. COVID-related medical attention will NOT be used against immigrants in a public charge test. [LEARN MORE](#)

Changes to Public Charge

Very few people will be affected by the changes to public charge rules. Stay informed and learn how to keep getting the assistance you need now.

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HSA Benefits for Immigrants

Find out about all types HSA offers to eligible immigrant families.

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Benefits for Immigrants Due to COVID-19

Cash, food, and health care assistance are available for free to immigrants who don't qualify for other government disaster relief.

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Free Legal and Citizenship Services

Find community organizations that provide free immigration legal support and help applying for citizenship.

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Questions

- What, if any, actions are being taken by the newly formed Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs related to Public Charge, and can we partner?
 - Simplifying language (“Self-Sufficiency” is not known very well)
 - Easier to navigate to find information on website
 - Positive messages/imagery to invite community residents to services
 - Translate into languages so the information is accurate
- How can we best support eligibility specialists in better understanding public charge rule changes and effectively communicating with the community?
 - Ensuring consistent message/information on Public Charge at all levels