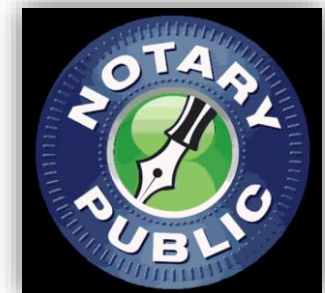
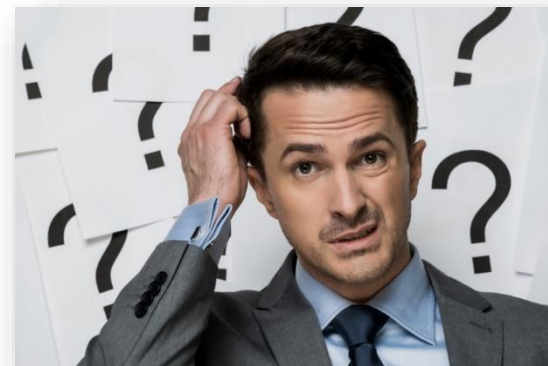




Public Charge

Is Medi-Cal really a Public Charge??



What is Public Charge?

- The “public charge” test is designed to identify people who may depend on the government as their main source of support. If the government determines that a person is likely to become a “public charge,” it can deny a person admission to the U.S. or lawful permanent residence (or “green card” status).
- The Public Charge test happens when you get your **LPR “green card”** status.



No public charge test for the following:

- Applicants for
 - Refugee
 - Asylum
 - U and T Visas
 - TPS
- Naturalization/Citizenship

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The Administration has proposed changes to the public charge test, WHICH COULD GO INTO EFFECT For LPR Applications filed on or after OCT. 15TH 2019

- **Old Rules (still in effect):**

- Public Charge Test only applies when entering the country or applying for Legal Permanent Residency (Green Card)*
- The public charge test only looks at cash assistance, and government-funded long-term institutional care.
- Medi-Cal is NOT a Public Charge

- **New PROPOSED Rules:**

- Public Charge Test would apply when entering the country, extending certain visas or applying for Legal Permanent Residency (Green Card)*
- Medi-Cal could be considered a Public Charge

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Benefits NOT Included as Public Charge under the new rules:

- Medi-Cal for pregnant women and 60 day postpartum, and



- Medi-Cal for children under 21.
- **State Funded Medi-Cal benefits**

MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC CHARGE FACT TO REMEMBER

- The proposed rules will **NOT** be retroactive
- The proposed rules will **ONLY** affect LPR applications postmarked or filed on or after **Oct. 15, 2019**.
- There is **NO REASON** for anyone to drop their Medi-Cal right now!
- **State** Funded Medi-Cal benefits are **SAFE**.