



## Immigration Update Pertaining to Recent Changes in Federal Immigration Policy Regarding the “Public Charge” Rule

### **Citizenship**

We provide legal assistance for green card holders who wish to become American citizens regardless of residence.

To register for our upcoming workshop or to seek any other naturalization services, please call (718) 236-3000.

Saturday, December 7, 2019  
LaGuardia Community College  
31-10 Thomson Avenue  
Long Island City, NY 11101

### **Additional Services**

#### For Immigrants:

- Family Reunification
- Asylum & Humanitarian Relief
- Deportation Defense

#### For Workers:

- Wage Theft
- Unsafe Conditions & Workplace Injuries
- Workplace Discrimination & Harassment
- Family & Paid Sick Leave

Linea Laboral  
Workers' Rights Project  
(877) 52-LABOR (52267)  
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#### For Tenants:

- Repairs
- Rent reduction for lack of repairs
- Lease Termination
- Eviction Defense
- SCRIE/DRIE

Last month Catholic Migration Services notified the community of a potential change to the “Public Charge” rule that would have impacted who can enter the U.S. and who would have been eligible for a green card.

Catholic Migration Services would like to inform the immigrant community, that in a huge victory for our immigrant communities, on October 11, 2019 a U.S. District Court Judge in New York issued a nationwide injunction against the Trump administration’s “Public Charge” rule. This means that the new “Public Charge” rule, which was to go into effect on October 15, 2019, is now blocked from going forward. Additionally, this means that for now individuals applying for green cards and filing family based petitions are *not* currently affected by the new rule. It is almost certain that the legal fight will continue, but, for now, the rules applying to the “Public Charge” determination within the United States have not changed.

Catholic Migration Services will continue to update information in the near future to reflect any further changes. All are encouraged to visit our website for future updates, training sessions and workshops at [www.catholicmigration.org](http://www.catholicmigration.org).

#### For Free Help

All immigrants who may apply for an immigration benefit in the future should seek advice about whether receipt of public benefits may impact their ability to apply for that future benefit. For free assistance, please call the New Americans Hotline at 1 (800) 566-7636 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Catholic Migration Services Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at (718) 236-3000 or (347) 472-3500.

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