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Worried about immigration or public charge issues?

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO APPLY FOR CALFRESH

You can get CalFresh and still become a U.S. citizen.

What is a public charge?

A public charge is a person who depends on long-term government support. If an immigrant is a public charge, he or she may not get legal status in the U.S.

Some things to know about CalFresh:

- You will NOT become a public charge because you are getting CalFresh.
- If you get CalFresh, it will NOT hurt your chances of getting a green card.
- You will NOT lose your green card because you are getting CalFresh.
- Applying for CalFresh will NOT affect your (or your family's) immigration status.
- You will NOT be denied U.S. citizenship because you get CalFresh benefits.

Did you know?

- Public charge rules do not apply to programs like CalFresh, WIC and school lunch programs. See the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services official letter at http://www.cdss.ca.gov/calfreshoutreach/PG3303.htm.
- Immigration information is private and will NOT be shared.
- All children born in the U.S. can get CalFresh benefits if they qualify. It does not matter where their parents were born.
- Even if sponsored non-citizens refuse CalFresh benefits, the rest of their household can still get benefits.

Remember:

Non-citizens who are in the U.S. temporarily, such as those with a student visa, cannot get CalFresh.

For more information about CalFresh, visit www.calfresh.ca.gov

Or call 1-877-847-3663

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