

## Access to State-Funded<sup>a</sup> Public Benefits in Maine for Survivors, Based on Immigration Status<sup>bc</sup>

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	<i>Qualified Immigrant<sup>d</sup></i>		<i>HHS Certification</i>	<i>Lawfully Present<sup>11</sup></i>			<i>Limited Benefits Eligibility<sup>12</sup></i>	
TANF	VAWA: Eligible with prima facie determination, <sup>13</sup> subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996. <sup>14</sup> (After the first 12	<u>Refugee/Asylee</u> : Eligible for TANF regardless of date of entry. <sup>21</sup>  <u>T visa</u> : with HHS certification or eligibility determination, eligible under the Victims of	Human trafficking victims eligible: with HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or with HHS eligibility	Not eligible. <sup>29</sup>  <i>In Maine, immigrants permanently residing in the US under color of law</i>	Eligible after receiving lawful permanent residency, subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996. <sup>31</sup>	Eligible after receiving lawful permanent residency, subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996. <sup>34</sup>	No federal eligibility. <sup>37</sup>  <i>In Maine, immigrants permanently residing in the US under color</i>	Not eligible. <sup>39</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Federally funded public benefits are in non-italicized typeface and *state-funded public benefits are italicized*.

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<sup>c</sup> The chart shows eligibility based on immigration status. Applicants must also meet all other program eligibility requirements, such as income/resource limits. Children and other family members included in an individual’s immigration application receive the same access to public benefits as the applicant. When children qualify for federal or state public benefits, immigrant parents can file child-only benefits applications on their children’s behalf. Congress exempted from the public charge ground of inadmissibility immigrant victims applying for immigration relief and lawful permanent residency through the following immigration benefits programs: VAWA self-petitioning (as defined in footnote “e”), VAWA cancellation of removal, VAWA suspension of deportation, U visas, and T visas. For technical assistance on benefits access for immigrant survivors please contact the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project, American University, Washington College of Law (202) 274-4457 or [info@niwap.org](mailto:info@niwap.org). NIWAP would like to thank Michelle Aronowitz and Dean’s Fellows Alexandra Brown and Sandeep Purewal for their work in developing these state public benefits charts.

<sup>d</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(a)-(c) (Qualified immigrants are: **lawful permanent residents (LPRs)**(For up-to-date details on LPR benefits eligibility see National Immigrant Law Center, Table 1, Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs (March 2023) [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/) and NIWAP’s Public Benefits Map <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/benefits-map>); refugees; asylees; persons granted withholding of deportation/removal, conditional entry (as in effect prior to Apr. 1, 1980), humanitarian parolee; Cuban/Haitian entrants; and certain battered immigrants. A battered immigrant is someone who: (1)(a) has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty in the U.S. by a U.S. citizen or LPR spouse, parent or step-parent or member of the spouse/parent/step-parent’s family residing in the same household as the immigrant and the spouse/parent/step-parent consented to or acquiesced in such battery or cruelty, and there is a substantial connection between the battery or cruelty and the need for the public benefits, and (b) has been approved or has a petition or self-petition pending which sets forth a prima facie case for certain immigrant visa classifications, suspension of deportation, or cancellation of removal; or (2) is a victim of trafficking or a family member of a trafficking victim who has been granted T visa status or whose T visa application sets forth a prima facie case.). For discussion of prima facie determinations by immigration judges in suspension of deportation and cancellation of removal cases for battered immigrants, see OFFICE OF THE CHIEF IMMIGRATION JUDGE, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE, OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM 97-9; MOTIONS FOR “PRIMA FACIE” DETERMINATION AND VERIFICATION REQUESTS FOR BATTERED SPOUSES AND CHILDREN, <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/prima-facie-verification-requests/> (last visited Mar. 2, 2018).

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TANF	<p>months may be subject to deeming).<sup>15</sup></p> <p>Lawful permanent residents: Eligible subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996<sup>16</sup> (may be subject to deeming).<sup>17</sup></p> <p>Naturalized citizens: Eligible without restrictions.<sup>18</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, eligible upon filing through the five-year waiting period.<sup>19</sup></i></p> <p><i>In Maine, qualified immigrants and those permanently residing in the US under color of law (including VAWA self-petitioners, Battered Spouse Waivers, and lawful permanent residents) are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria: seniors, persons with disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment authorization and those granted work</i></p>	<p>Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 to the same extent as refugees.<sup>22</sup></p> <p><u>T visa holders or applicants</u> eligible as qualified immigrants with prima facie (bona fide) determination, subject to five-year bar for those who entered on or after August 22, 1996.<sup>23</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, qualified immigrants and those permanently residing in the US under color of law (including refugees, asylees, T visa holders, T visa applicants with bona fide determinations, and certain Afghans and Ukrainians) are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria: seniors, persons with disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment authorization and those granted work authorization seeking employment.<sup>24</sup></i></p>	<p>determination (under 18).<sup>25</sup></p> <p>These human trafficking victims are eligible to the same extent as refugees and thus are eligible regardless of date of entry.<sup>26</sup></p> <p>Family members with T visa status are eligible without HHS certification or determination; they are eligible to the same extent as refugees and thus eligible regardless of date of entry.<sup>27</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, immigrants permanently residing in the US under color of law (including T visa and continued presence applicants and trafficking victims with HHS certification or eligibility letters) are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria: seniors, persons with disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment</i></p>	<p>(including DACA applicants and recipients) are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria: seniors, persons with disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment authorization and those granted work authorization seeking employment.<sup>30</sup></p>	<p>(may be subject to deeming).<sup>32</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, immigrants permanently residing in the US under color of law (including SIJS applicants, recipients, and lawful permanent residents) are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria: seniors, persons with disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment authorization and those granted work authorization seeking employment.<sup>33</sup></i></p>	<p>(may be subject to deeming).<sup>35</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, immigrants permanently residing in the US under color of law (including U visa holders, U visa lawful permanent residents, and U visa applicants with bona fide determinations or wait list approvals) are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria: seniors, persons with disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment authorization and those granted work authorization seeking employment.<sup>36</sup></i></p>	<p><i>of law (including U visa applicants) are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria: seniors, persons with disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment authorization and those granted work authorization seeking employment.<sup>38</sup></i></p>	

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<b>TANF</b>	<i>authorization seeking employment.<sup>20</sup></i>		<i>authorization and those granted work authorization seeking employment.<sup>28</sup></i>					
<b>Child Care</b>	<p>Children with prima facie determination and child lawful permanent residents are qualified immigrants eligible for Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)-funded child care.<sup>40</sup></p> <p>TANF-funded childcare subject to five-year bar for immigrants who entered on or after August 22, 1996.<sup>41</sup></p> <p>Naturalized citizens: Eligible without restrictions.<sup>42</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, eligible for TANF-funded child care with no five-year bar once eligible for TANF.<sup>43</sup></i></p>	<p>Children who are <u>asylees</u> or <u>refugees</u> are eligible for CCDF-funded child care and TANF-funded child care.<sup>44</sup></p> <p><u>T visa</u>: Eligible for CCDF-funded child care and TANF-funded child care under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 to the same extent as refugees.<sup>45</sup></p> <p>Children who are T visa holders or applicants with prima facie (bona fide) determination are eligible for CCDF-funded child care.<sup>46</sup> They are also eligible for TANF-funded childcare subject to five-year bar for those who entered on or after August 22, 1996.<sup>47</sup></p>	<p>Human trafficking victims with an HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or an HHS eligibility determination (under 18) are eligible for CCDF-funded child care and TANF-funded child care.<sup>49</sup></p> <p>Family members with T visa status eligible for CCDF-funded child care and TANF-funded child care, no need for HHS Certification or eligibility determination.<sup>50</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, eligible for TANF-funded child care once eligible for TANF.<sup>51</sup></i></p>	<p>Eligible for CCDF-funded child care open to all immigrants, when:</p> <p>(1) Child care is provided in settings subject to public educational standards, including public or private pre-kindergarten or public and private child care provided after school or during school holidays;</p> <p>(2) Child care is subject to Head Start performance standards; or</p> <p>(3) Eligibility for child care services is determined by</p>	<p>Eligible for CCDF-funded child care open to all immigrants, when:</p> <p>(1) Child care is provided in settings subject to public educational standards, including public or private pre-kindergarten or public and private child care provided after school or during school holidays;</p> <p>(2) Childcare is subject to Head Start performance standards; or</p> <p>(3) Eligibility for child care services is determined by a nonprofit charitable organization.<sup>54</sup></p> <p>Upon receiving lawful permanent residency, eligible as for CCDF-funded child care.<sup>55</sup> Also</p>	<p>Eligible for CCDF-funded child care open to all immigrants, when:</p> <p>(1) Child care is provided in settings subject to public educational standards, including public or private pre-kindergarten or public and private child care provided after school or during school holidays;</p> <p>(2) Childcare is subject to Head Start performance standards; or</p> <p>(3) Eligibility for child care services is determined by a nonprofit charitable organization.<sup>58</sup></p> <p>Upon receiving lawful permanent residency, eligible as for CCDF-funded child care.<sup>59</sup> Also eligible for TANF-</p>	<p>Eligible for CCDF-funded child care open to all immigrants, when:</p> <p>(1) Child care is provided in settings subject to public educational standards, including public or private pre-kindergarten or public and private child care provided after school or during school holidays;</p> <p>(2) Child care is subject to Head Start performance standards; or</p> <p>(3) Eligibility for child care services is determined by a nonprofit</p>	<p>Eligible for CCDF-funded child care open to all immigrants, when:</p> <p>(1) Child care is provided in settings subject to public educational standards, including public or private pre-kindergarten or public and private child care provided after school or during school holidays;</p> <p>(2) Child care is subject to Head Start performance standards; or</p> <p>(3) Eligibility for child care services is determined by a nonprofit charitable organization.<sup>64</sup></p>

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Child Care		<i>In Maine, eligible for TANF-funded child care once eligible for TANF.<sup>48</sup></i>		a nonprofit charitable organization. <sup>52</sup>  <i>In Maine, eligible for TANF-funded child care when eligible for TANF.<sup>53</sup></i>	eligible for TANF-funded child care subject to five-year bar for those who entered on or after August 22, 1996. <sup>56</sup>  <i>In Maine, TANF-funded child care with no five-year bar when eligible for TANF.<sup>57</sup></i>	funded child care subject to five-year bar for those who entered on or after August 22, 1996. <sup>60</sup>  <i>In Maine, TANF-funded child care with no five-year bar when eligible for TANF.<sup>61</sup></i>	charitable organization. <sup>62</sup>  <i>In Maine, TANF-funded child care with no five-year bar when eligible for TANF.<sup>63</sup></i>	
SNAP (Food Stamps) <sup>65</sup>	Eligible with VAWA prima facie determination or lawful permanent residence, subject to an additional condition, e.g.: five years residency, younger than 18, elderly (if lawfully residing in the U.S. on 8/22/1996), disabled, or if Lawful Permanent Resident with 40 quarters of work credit. <sup>66</sup>  Naturalized citizens: Eligible without restrictions. <sup>67</sup>  <i>In Maine, qualified immigrants (including VAWA self-petitioners, Battered Spouse Waivers, and lawful</i>	<u>Refugee/Asylee</u> : Eligible with no additional conditions. <sup>70</sup>  <u>T visa</u> : Eligible with prima facie (bona fide) determination on T visa application, subject to an additional condition (e.g., five-years residency, under 18, elderly, or disabled). <sup>71</sup> Also eligible under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act to the same extent as refugees. <sup>72</sup>  <i>In Maine, asylum applicants and qualified immigrants (including T visa holders and T visa applicants with bona fide determinations) are</i>	Human trafficking victims are eligible: with an HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or with an HHS eligibility determination (under 18). <sup>75</sup> Family members with T visa status eligible without HHS certification or eligibility determination. <sup>76</sup>  These human trafficking victims are eligible to the same extent as refugees and thus are eligible with no additional conditions. <sup>77</sup>	Not eligible.	Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency, subject to an additional condition, <sup>78</sup> e.g.: under 18, <sup>79</sup> five years residency, <sup>80</sup> 40 qualifying work quarters, <sup>81</sup> or disabled. <sup>82</sup>  <i>In Maine, qualified immigrants (including SIJS recipients with lawful permanent residency) are eligible for Food Supplement Program (FSP),<sup>83</sup> if applying after 7/1/2011 eligible are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria:</i>	Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency, subject to an additional condition, <sup>85</sup> e.g.: under 18, <sup>86</sup> five years residency, <sup>87</sup> 40 qualifying work quarters, <sup>88</sup> elderly, <sup>89</sup> or disabled. <sup>90</sup>  <i>In Maine, qualified immigrants (including U visa lawful permanent residents) are eligible for Food Supplement Program (FSP),<sup>91</sup> if applying after 7/1/2011 eligible are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria: seniors, persons with</i>	Not eligible.	Not eligible.

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SNAP	<i>permanent residents) are eligible for Food Supplement Program (FSP);<sup>68</sup> if applying after 7/1/2011 eligible are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria: seniors, persons with disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment authorization and those granted work authorization seeking employment.<sup>69</sup></i>	<i>eligible for Food Supplement Program (FSP),<sup>73</sup> if applying after 7/1/2011 eligible are eligible upon meeting hardship criteria: seniors, persons with disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment authorization and those granted work authorization seeking employment.<sup>74</sup></i>			<i>seniors, persons with disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment authorization and those granted work authorization seeking employment.<sup>84</sup></i>	<i>disabilities, domestic violence, persons awaiting employment authorization and those granted work authorization seeking employment.<sup>92</sup></i>		
<b>The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</b>	<p>The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk, without regard to immigration status or naturalized citizenship.<sup>93</sup> Applicants must live in the state in which they apply, but are not required to live there for a certain amount of time in order to meet the WIC residency requirement.<sup>94</sup> Applicants must also have an income at or below an income level or standard set by the State agency or be determined automatically income-eligible based on participation in certain programs (TANF, SNAP benefits, Medicaid).<sup>95</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, applicants should call the nearest WIC office to set up an appointment.<sup>96</sup> In Maine, the income eligibility requirement for someone who is pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding women, is to be at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level.<sup>97</sup></i></p>							
<b>Health Insurance on Exchanges<sup>e</sup></b>	Eligible with VAWA prima facie determination, <sup>98</sup> as a lawful permanent resident, <sup>99</sup> or naturalized citizen. <sup>100</sup>	<u>Refugee</u> : Eligible. <sup>101</sup>  <u>Asylee</u> : Eligible; applicants eligible if granted work authorization;	Human trafficking victims eligible: with an HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application), or	Eligible upon being granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) <sup>108</sup>	Eligible upon filing SIJS application. <sup>109</sup>	Eligible upon U visa, bona fide determination, <sup>110</sup> or wait list approval. <sup>111</sup>	Not eligible. <sup>112</sup>	Not eligible. <sup>113</sup>

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<b>Health Insurance on Exchanges</b>		<p>applicants under 14 eligible if application pending at least 180 days.<sup>102</sup></p> <p><u>T visa:</u> Eligible with prima facie (bona fide) determination on T visa application.<sup>103</sup></p> <p>Afghans special immigrants and Afghan and Ukrainian parolees are eligible to the same extent as refugees.<sup>104</sup></p>	<p>with an HHS eligibility determination (under 18).<sup>105</sup></p> <p>Family members with T visa status eligible without HHS certification or eligibility determination.<sup>106</sup></p> <p>These human trafficking victims are eligible to the same extent as refugees and thus are eligible regardless of date of entry.<sup>107</sup></p>					
<b>Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP)<sup>114</sup></b>	<p>Eligible with VAWA prima facie determination or lawful permanent residence if arrived prior to August 22, 1996 and subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996.<sup>115</sup></p> <p>Naturalized citizens, eligible.<sup>116</sup></p> <p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>117</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations</p>	<p><u>Refugee/Asylee:</u> Eligible, exempt from five-year bar.<sup>122</sup></p> <p><u>T visa :</u> with HHS certification or eligibility determination, immediately eligible under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 to the same extent as refugees.<sup>123</sup></p> <p>Afghans special immigrants and Afghan and Ukrainian parolees</p>	<p>Human trafficking victims are eligible with an HHS certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or eligibility determination (under 18).<sup>131</sup></p> <p>Family members with T visa status are eligible without HHS Certification or eligibility determination.<sup>132</sup></p>	<p>Eligible for Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>139</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>140</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>141</sup> state-funded</i></p>	<p>Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency, subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996.<sup>144</sup></p> <p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>145</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>146</sup> regardless of</p>	<p>If entered prior to August 22, 1996, eligible upon attaining lawful permanent residency.<sup>150</sup></p> <p>If arrived on or after August 22, 1996, eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency, but subject to five-year bar.<sup>151</sup></p> <p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>152</sup> and payments for the</p>	<p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>157</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>158</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>159</sup> state-funded medical assistance is</i></p>	<p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>162</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>163</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>164</sup> state-funded medical assistance is available for all Maine resident</i></p>



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<b>CHIP</b>	<p>(including rape kits)<sup>118</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>119</sup> state-funded medical assistance is available for all Maine resident children under the age of 21 without regard to immigration status.</i></p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>120</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>121</sup></i></p>	<p>are eligible to the same extent as refugees.<sup>124</sup></p> <p><u>T visa holders and T visa applicants</u> with prima facie (bona fide) determinations eligible as qualified immigrants, subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996.<sup>125</sup></p> <p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>126</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>127</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>128</sup> state-funded medical assistance is available for all Maine resident children under the age of 21 without regard to immigration status.</i></p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum</i></p>	<p>These human trafficking victims are eligible to the same extent as refugees and are exempt from five-year bar.<sup>133</sup></p> <p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>134</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>135</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>136</sup> state-funded medical assistance is available for all Maine resident children under the age of 21 without regard to immigration status.</i></p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>137</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>138</sup></i></p>	<p><i>medical assistance is available for all Maine resident children under the age of 21 without regard to immigration status.</i></p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>142</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>143</sup></i></p>	<p>immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>147</sup> state-funded medical assistance is available for all Maine resident children under the age of 21 without regard to immigration status.</i></p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>148</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>149</sup></i></p>	<p>costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>153</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>154</sup> state-funded medical assistance is available for all Maine resident children under the age of 21 without regard to immigration status.</i></p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>155</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>156</sup></i></p>	<p><i>available for all Maine resident children under the age of 21 without regard to immigration status.</i></p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>160</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>161</sup></i></p>	<p><i>children under the age of 21 without regard to immigration status.</i></p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>165</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>166</sup></i></p>

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		<i>care<sup>129</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>130</sup></i>						
<p><b>Full-Scope Medicaid<sup>167</sup></b></p> <p><b>Full-Scope Medicaid</b></p>	<p>Eligible with VAWA prima facie determination or lawful permanent residence if arrived prior to August 22, 1996 and subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996.<sup>168</sup></p> <p>Naturalized citizens eligible.<sup>169</sup></p> <p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>170</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>171</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant qualified immigrants (including VAWA self-petitioners with prima facie determinations, Battered Spouse Waivers, and lawful permanent residents) are eligible for medical assistance.<sup>172</sup></i></p>	<p><u>Refugee/Asylee</u>: Eligible, exempt from five-year bar.<sup>176</sup></p> <p><u>T visa</u> : with HHS certification or eligibility determination, immediately eligible under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 to the same extent as refugees.<sup>177</sup></p> <p><u>T visa holders and T visa applicants</u> with prima facie (bona fide) determinations eligible as qualified immigrants, subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996.<sup>178</sup></p> <p>Afghans special immigrants and Afghan and Ukrainian parolees are eligible to the same extent as refugees.<sup>179</sup></p> <p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>180</sup> and payments for the costs of</p>	<p>Human trafficking victims are eligible with an HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or eligibility determination (under 18).<sup>186</sup></p> <p>Family members with T visa status eligible without HHS Certification or eligibility determination, exempt from five-year bar.<sup>187</sup></p> <p>These human trafficking victims are eligible to the same extent as refugees and are exempt from five-year bar.<sup>188</sup></p> <p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>189</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>190</sup> regardless of</p>	<p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>195</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>196</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>197</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>198</sup></i></p>	<p>Eligible for Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>199</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>200</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p>Eligible after receiving lawful permanent residency, subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996.<sup>201</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>202</sup> pregnant qualified immigrants (including SIJS lawful permanent residents) are eligible for medical assistance.<sup>203</sup></i></p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal</i></p>	<p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>206</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>207</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p>If entered prior to August 22, 1996, eligible upon attaining lawful permanent residency.<sup>208</sup></p> <p>If arrived on or after August 22, 1996, eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency, subject to five-year bar.<sup>209</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>210</sup> pregnant qualified immigrants (including U visa lawful permanent residents) are eligible</i></p>	<p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>214</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>215</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>216</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>217</sup></i></p>	<p>Eligible for emergency Medicaid<sup>218</sup> and payments for the costs of Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>219</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>220</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>221</sup></i></p>



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<b>Full-Scope Medicaid</b>	<i>In Maine,<sup>173</sup> pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>174</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>175</sup></i>	<p>Medical Forensic Examinations (including rape kits)<sup>181</sup> regardless of immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>182</sup> pregnant qualified immigrants (including refugees, asylees and T visa applicants with bona fide determinations) are eligible for medical assistance.<sup>183</sup></i></p> <p><i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>184</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>185</sup></i></p>	<p>immigration or citizenship status.</p> <p><i>In Maine,<sup>191</sup> pregnant immigrants with HHS certifications and child eligibility letters (including T visa applicants with bona fide determinations and trafficking victims with continued presence) are eligible for medical assistance.<sup>192</sup></i></p> <p><i>In Maine, children In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>193</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>194</sup></i></p>		<i>care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>204</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>205</sup></i>	<i>for medical assistance.<sup>211</sup></i>  <i>In Maine, pregnant people are eligible for full medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months of postpartum care<sup>212</sup> regardless of immigration status.<sup>213</sup></i>		
<b>Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)</b>	The Victims of Crime Act provides compensation to crime victims for costs associated with the crime victimization. Costs covered by VOCA include compensation for medical bills, lost wages, counseling sessions, crime scene clean up, and reimbursement for many other expenses. VOCA compensation is available to crime victims without regard to immigration status or naturalized citizenships. <sup>222</sup>							
<b>Family &amp; Medical Leave Act<sup>223</sup> – State Law<sup>224</sup></b>	May be eligible without regard to immigration status. <sup>225</sup>	May be eligible without regard to immigration status. <sup>226</sup>	May be eligible without regard to immigration status. <sup>227</sup>	May be eligible without regard to immigration status. <sup>228</sup>	May be eligible without regard to immigration status. <sup>229</sup>	May be eligible without regard to immigration status. <sup>230</sup>	May be eligible without regard to immigration status. <sup>231</sup>	May be eligible without regard to immigration status. <sup>232</sup>
	With VAWA prima facie determination Battered Spouse	Refugees, Asylees, and T visa holders or T visa applicants with prima	Human trafficking victims eligible: with an HHS Certification	Not eligible for federal student aid. <sup>238</sup>	Eligible for federal student aid upon receipt of lawful	Eligible for federal student aid upon receipt of lawful	Not eligible for federal student aid.	Not eligible for federal student aid.

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<b>Education-Federal Benefits: Federal Student Aid, Grants and Loans<sup>233</sup> (FAFSA)</b>	Waiver, or lawful permanent residence, eligible. <sup>234</sup>  Naturalized citizens, eligible. <sup>235</sup>	facie (bona fide) determination, an HHS Certification or eligibility letter are eligible for federal student aid. <sup>236</sup>	(based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application), or with an HHS eligibility determination (under 18), and family members with T visa status, are eligible for federal student aid. <sup>237</sup>		permanent residency. <sup>239</sup>	permanent residency. <sup>240</sup>		
<b>Education-State Law</b>	<p>All children, without regard to immigration status or citizenship are eligible to attend public elementary and secondary (K-12) schools. State schools may not request citizenship or immigration status information and may not bar students from enrolling in public elementary or secondary schools based on the citizenship or immigration status of the student, their parent or their guardian.<sup>241</sup></p> <p>Although eligible to apply for and enroll in state funded colleges and universities without regard to immigration status,<sup>242</sup> students need to provide some form of documentation from the Department of Homeland Security to be able to qualify for Maine in-state tuition.<sup>243</sup> Under University of Maine policies eligible immigrant students include: lawful permanent residents, VAWA self-petitioners, battered spouse waiver applicants, refugees, asylees, asylum applicants, T visa holders, T visa applicants with bona fide determinations, DACA recipients, SIJS applicants and recipients, U visa holders and U visa applicants with bona fide determinations or waitlist approvals.<sup>244</sup> Only students who file the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are eligible to be considered for educational Maine State Grant Program.<sup>245</sup></p>							
<b>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)<sup>246</sup></b>	Eligible with VAWA prima facie determination, Battered spouse waiver, or lawful permanent residence if received SSI on August 22, 1996, or lawfully residing in the U.S. as of that date and now disabled. <sup>247</sup> May also be eligible with a prima facie determination Battered spouse waiver, or lawful permanent	<u>Refugees/Asylees:</u> Eligible during first seven years after the status was granted. <sup>253</sup> <u>Trafficking victims:</u> Eligible under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 to the same extent as refugees. <sup>254</sup> <u>T visa<sup>255</sup>:</u> Eligible as a qualified immigrant with prima facie (bona fide) determination on T visa	Human trafficking victims: with an HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or with an HHS eligibility determination (under 18), or family members with T visa status (no need for HHS certification or eligibility determination) are	<i>In Maine, Persons Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOLs) (including DACA applicants and recipients) who are ineligible for federal SSI due to citizenship</i>	Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency if credited with 40 quarters of work, <sup>263</sup> subject to five-year bar, for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996. <sup>264</sup>  <i>In Maine, Persons Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOLs)</i>	Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency if: credited with 40 quarters of work <sup>266</sup> subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996; or if receiving SSI as of August 22, 1996; or if lawfully residing in U.S. as of that date and now disabled. <sup>267</sup> Lawful permanent residents may also be	<i>In Maine, Persons Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOLs) (including U visa applicants) who are ineligible for federal SSI due to citizenship requirements receive state SSI benefits as</i>	Not eligible. <sup>271</sup>

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<b>SSI</b>	<p>residence if currently receiving SSI based on an application filed before 1979.<sup>248</sup></p> <p>Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency if credited with 40 quarters of work,<sup>249</sup> subject to five-year bar for those who arrived on or after August 22, 1996.<sup>250</sup></p> <p>Naturalized citizens eligible.<sup>251</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, VAWA self-petitioners, Battered Spouse Waivers, and lawful permanent residents who are ineligible for federal SSI due to citizenship requirements are lawfully residing immigrants eligible to receive state SSI benefits equal to the federal SSI and state SSI supplement.<sup>252</sup></i></p>	<p>application if receiving SSI on August 22, 1996, or lawfully residing in the U.S. as of that date and now disabled.<sup>256</sup></p> <p>May also be eligible with a prima facie determination if currently receiving SSI based on an application filed before 1979.<sup>257</sup> This eligibility allows trafficking victims who are disabled to continue to receive SSI after the 7-years.<sup>258</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, refugees, asylees, and T visa holders (who would be eligible for SSI but for the seven-year eligibility limitation), and T visa applicants with bona fide determinations who entered after Aug. 22, 1996 who are ineligible for federal SSI due to citizenship requirements receive state funded SSI benefits equal to the federal SSI and state SSI supplement.<sup>259</sup></i></p>	<p>eligible to the same extent as refugees.<sup>260</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, T visa applicants with bona fide determinations who entered after Aug. 22, 1996 who are ineligible for federal SSI due to citizenship requirements receive state funded SSI benefits equal to the federal SSI and state SSI supplement.<sup>261</sup></i></p>	<p><i>requirements receive state SSI benefits as lawfully present immigrants equal to the federal SSI and state SSI supplement.<sup>262</sup></i></p>	<p><i>(including SIJS applicants, recipients, and lawful permanent residents) who are ineligible for federal SSI due to citizenship requirements receive state SSI benefits as legal immigrants equal to the federal SSI and state SSI supplement.<sup>265</sup></i></p>	<p>eligible if currently receiving SSI based on an application filed before 1979.<sup>268</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, Persons Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOLs) (including U visa holders, applicants with U visa bona fide determinations, and wait list approvals and U visa lawful permanent residents) who are ineligible for federal SSI due to citizenship requirements receive state SSI benefits as lawfully present immigrants equal to the federal SSI and state SSI supplement.<sup>269</sup></i></p>	<p><i>lawfully present immigrants equal to the federal SSI and state SSI supplement.<sup>270</sup></i></p>	

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<b>Professional and Occupational Licenses</b>	Maine has no state laws or policies regarding immigrant access to professional or occupational licenses including whether or not work authorization is sufficient or required.							
<b>Driver's License<sup>272</sup></b>	Under the REAL ID Act, evidence of “lawful status” or naturalized citizenship is required for a driver’s license to be accepted by a federal agency for official purposes. <sup>273</sup> The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), by regulation, lists specific documents that will provide satisfactory evidence of lawful status. <sup>274</sup> All documentation for REAL ID compliant ID’s will be submitted through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program (S.A.V.E.). <sup>275</sup> DHS will also approve acceptance of other documentation issued by DHS or other Federal agencies demonstrating lawful status, as determined by USCIS. <sup>276</sup> In addition, DHS permits states to establish an “Exception Process” and consider “Alternative Documents.” <sup>277</sup>						Not eligible.	
<b>Driver's License</b>	<p><i>Maine requires the following documentation:</i><sup>278</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Proof of Maine residency</i></li> <li>• <i>Proof of lawful presence (including Temporary Resident Alien Card (I-688); Permanent Resident Alien Card (I-551 or similar document); Pending application for status as a Special Immigrant Juvenile; An approved or pending application for asylum; Approved or pending application for Temporary Protected Status, or letter granting Temporary Protected Status, appellate decision or Arrival/Departure Form I-94 showing a grant of withholding of deportation, withholding or removal, suspension of deportation, cancellation of removal, deferral of removal, or Convention Against Torture Relief, <b>Letter or notice acknowledging the person as a victim of a crime pursuant to the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 or a prima facie case as a self-petitioning spouse under VAWA, Employment Authorization Document</b><sup>279) 280</sup></i></li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The stage in the immigration application process at which most immigrant crime victims will receive full a state issued driver’s license is upon receipt of employment authorization.</i><sup>281</sup></li> </ul> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Proof of identity (Applicants must submit two including school records/transcript (certified), social security card)<sup>282</sup></i></li> <li>• <i>A vision screening</i></li> </ul>							
<b>Housing, Health, and Other Services Necessary to Protect Life or Safety</b>	<p>Certain federally assisted programs providing services necessary to protect life or safety must make those services available without regard to immigration status or naturalized citizenship and may not withhold those services based on immigration status or naturalized citizenship.<sup>283</sup> Programs considered necessary for the protection of life or safety include, but are not limited to: short term shelter or transitional housing for the homeless, or for victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, or human trafficking, or for runaway, abused or abandoned children; crisis counseling and intervention programs; services and assistance relating to victims of domestic violence or other criminal activity, child protection, adult protective services, or violence and abuse prevention; soup kitchens, community food banks, senior nutrition programs and other nutritional programs for persons requiring special assistance (e.g., WIC); medical and public health services (including federally qualified health centers); mental health, disability, or substance abuse assistance necessary to protect life or safety; activities designed to protect the life or safety of workers, children and youths, or community residents; programs to help individuals during periods of adverse weather conditions.<sup>284</sup></p> <p><i>The Emergency Shelter and Housing Assistance Program provides grants to agencies to assist persons experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless.</i><sup>285</sup></p>							
	Upon filing VAWA self-petition, applicant	<u>Refugee/Asylee, T visa holder or T visa applicant</u>	Human trafficking victims with an HHS	Eligible for USDA Section	Eligible for USDA Section 515 Rural	Eligible for USDA Section 515 Rural	Eligible for USDA Section	Eligible for USDA Section

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<p><b>Public and Assisted<sup>286</sup> Housing,<sup>287</sup> and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Housing<sup>288</sup></b></p> <p><b>Public and Assisted Housing and LIHTC</b></p>	<p>cannot be denied HUD public or assisted housing unless and until a final determination of ineligibility.<sup>289</sup></p> <p>USDA rental housing follows HUD procedures for processing VAWA self-petitions,<sup>290</sup> so should be eligible for all USDA rental housing unless and until a final determination of ineligibility.</p> <p>Regardless of immigration status, eligible for USDA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance),<sup>291</sup> and USDA Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible tenant.<sup>292</sup></p> <p>Upon filing self-VAWA self-petition, remaining household member of eligible domestic farm laborer eligible to continue to occupy</p>	<p>with prima facie (bona fide) determination eligible for:</p> <p>HUD public and assisted housing;<sup>301</sup></p> <p>USDA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing;<sup>302</sup></p> <p>USDA Section 521 Rural Rental Assistance;<sup>303</sup></p> <p>USDA Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member<sup>304</sup> or remaining household member<sup>305</sup> of eligible domestic farm laborer.</p> <p>Upon receiving lawful permanent residency USDA Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing.<sup>306</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, may be eligible to live in Maine Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.<sup>307</sup></i></p>	<p>Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application), or with an HHS eligibility determination (under 18), and family members with T visa status (no need for HHS certification or eligibility determination),<sup>308</sup> are eligible for: HUD public and assisted housing<sup>309</sup> and USDA rental housing.<sup>310</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, may be eligible to live in Maine Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.<sup>311</sup></i></p>	<p>515 Rural Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance),<sup>312</sup> and Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible domestic farm laborer.<sup>313</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, may be eligible to live in Maine Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.<sup>314</sup></i></p>	<p>Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance),<sup>315</sup> and Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible domestic farm laborer.<sup>316</sup></p> <p>Upon receiving lawful permanent residency,<sup>317</sup> eligible for HUD<sup>318</sup> and USDA<sup>319</sup> rental housing.<sup>320</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, may be eligible to live in Maine Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.<sup>321</sup></i></p>	<p>Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance),<sup>322</sup> and Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible domestic farm laborer.<sup>323</sup></p> <p>Upon receiving lawful permanent residency,<sup>324</sup> eligible for HUD<sup>325</sup> and USDA<sup>326</sup> rental housing.<sup>327</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, may be eligible to live in Maine Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.<sup>328</sup></i></p>	<p>515 Rural Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance),<sup>329</sup> and Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible domestic farm laborer.<sup>330</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, may be eligible to live in Maine Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.<sup>331</sup></i></p>	<p>515 Rural Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance),<sup>332</sup> and Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible domestic farm laborer.<sup>333</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, may be eligible to live in Maine Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.<sup>334</sup></i></p>

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LIHTC	<p>USDA Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing unit.<sup>293</sup></p> <p>Lawful permanent residents are eligible for public and assisted housing,<sup>294</sup> and for USDA Section 514/516 Farm Lab or Housing,<sup>295</sup> USDA Section 521 Rural Rental Assistance.<sup>296</sup></p> <p>Naturalized citizens are eligible for public and assisted housing<sup>297</sup> and for USDA Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing,<sup>298</sup> USDA Section 521 Rural Rental Assistance.<sup>299</sup></p> <p><i>In Maine, may be eligible to live in Maine Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.<sup>300</sup></i></p>							
Income Tax Credits	<p><u>Child Tax Credit:</u> Immigrants with social security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) who care for dependent children under the age of 17 are eligible to claim a child tax credit on their income taxes.<sup>335</sup> A qualifying child must be a citizen, national, or resident of the U.S with an SSN or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).<sup>336</sup> Immigrants eligible to receive social security numbers include naturalized citizens, lawful permanent residents, refugees, asylees, and VAWA self-petitioners, T visa applicants with bona fide determinations, and wait-list approved U visa applicants once they are granted work authorization. Any immigrant without regard to immigration status can obtain an ITIN.<sup>337</sup></p> <p><u>Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit:</u> Immigrants with social security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) can claim a child or dependent care tax credit on their income taxes when they care for—</p>							



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A dependent child under the age of 13,</li> <li>• A spouse who is unable to physically or mentally care for themselves, or</li> <li>• An individual who is unable to care for themselves, mentally or physically who has lived with the taxpayer for at least six months.<sup>338</sup></li> </ul> <p>The child or dependent must have a social security number or ITIN.<sup>339</sup> Immigrants eligible to receive social security numbers include naturalized citizens, lawful permanent residents, refugees, asylees, and VAWA self-petitioners, T visa applicants with bona fide determinations and wait-list approved U visa applicants once they are granted work authorization. Any immigrant without regard to immigration status can obtain an ITIN.<sup>340</sup></p>							
<b>Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)</b>	VAWA self-petitioners, lawful permanent residents, and naturalized citizens who <sup>341</sup> : have been granted work authorization or who are granted lawful permanent residency, have lived in the U.S. for at least 183 days during the tax year, <sup>342</sup> have a social security number valid for work, <sup>343</sup> and have earned income during the tax year <sup>344</sup> are eligible for the earned income tax credit (EITC). <sup>345</sup>	Refugees, asylees, asylum applicants, and T visa holders with work authorization or lawful permanent residency who: have lived in the U.S. for at least 183 days during the tax year, <sup>346</sup> have a social security number valid for work, <sup>347</sup> and have earned income during the tax year <sup>348</sup> are eligible for the earned income tax credit (EITC). <sup>349</sup>	Recipients of T visa bona fide determinations or continued presence who: are granted work authorization, have lived in the U.S. for at least 183 days during the tax year, <sup>350</sup> have a social security number valid for work, <sup>351</sup> and have earned income during the tax year <sup>352</sup> are eligible for the earned income tax credit (EITC). <sup>353</sup>	DACA applicants who: are granted work authorization, have lived in the U.S. for at least 183 days during the tax year, <sup>354</sup> have a social security number valid for work, <sup>355</sup> and have earned income during the tax year <sup>356</sup> are eligible for the earned income tax credit (EITC). <sup>357</sup>	SIJS recipients granted lawful permanent residency who: have lived in the U.S. at least 183 days during the tax year, <sup>358</sup> have a social security number valid for work, <sup>359</sup> and have earned income during the tax year <sup>360</sup> are eligible for the earned income tax credit (EITC). <sup>361</sup>	Once granted lawful permanent residency <sup>362</sup> or work authorization U visa holders and U visa applicants with deferred action (based on bona fide determinations or wait-list approval) who have lived in the U.S. for six months, <sup>363</sup> who have a social security number valid for work, <sup>364</sup> and who are earning income are eligible for the earned income tax credit (EITC). <sup>365</sup>	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
<b>Legal Services<sup>366</sup></b>	An immigrant who (or whose child) is battered or subjected to extreme cruelty <sup>367</sup> inside or outside of the United States <sup>368</sup> is eligible for legal assistance from Legal Services	<u>Refugee/Asylee:</u> Refugees and Asylees are eligible for legal assistance on any matter the Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded agency handles. <sup>379</sup>	An immigrant victim of severe forms of human trafficking with (or seeking) HHS Certification, <sup>386</sup> and family members with (or applying for) T visa status, <sup>387</sup> are eligible for	A DACA recipient who is (or whose child is) battered or subjected to extreme	Eligible for LSC-funded legal assistance when the child has suffered battering or extreme cruelty, <sup>400</sup> or sexual assault or trafficking in the U.S., <sup>401</sup> on	An immigrant who has (or whose child has) been granted, applied for, or qualifies to apply for U visa status and a	An immigrant who has (or whose child has) applied for, or qualifies to apply for U visa status and family members	An immigrant victim who is (or whose child is), battered or subjected to extreme cruelty, <sup>425</sup> or is a victim of sexual

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<b>Legal Services</b>	<p>Corporation (LSC)-funded agencies on matters related to the abuse.<sup>369</sup></p> <p>Eligible for legal assistance on any matter the LSC-funded agency handles upon receiving lawful permanent resident status,<sup>370</sup> or spouses, parents, and unmarried children under age 21 of U.S. citizens<sup>371</sup> become eligible for full representation on any matter upon filing an application for lawful permanent residency.<sup>372</sup></p> <p>Lawful permanent residents<sup>373</sup> and naturalized citizens<sup>374</sup> are eligible for full representation.</p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>375</sup> as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>376</sup> or dating violence.<sup>377</sup> Must be at least 11 years old.<sup>378</sup></p>	<p><u>T visa:</u></p> <p>An immigrant who has been (or whose child has been) a victim of trafficking in the U.S., including a T visa holder,<sup>380</sup> is eligible for legal assistance on any matter the LSC-funded agency handles.<sup>381</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>382</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>383</sup> or dating violence.<sup>384</sup> Must be at least 11 years old.<sup>385</sup></p>	<p>legal assistance on any matter the LSC-funded agency handles.</p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>388</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>389</sup> or dating violence.<sup>390</sup> Must be at least 11 years old.<sup>391</sup></p>	<p>cruelty,<sup>392</sup> or is a victim of sexual assault or trafficking in the U.S.,<sup>393</sup> is eligible for legal services from LSC-funded agencies<sup>394</sup> on matters related to the abuse.<sup>395</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>396</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>397</sup> or dating violence.<sup>398</sup> Must be at least 11 years old.<sup>399</sup></p>	<p>matters related to the abuse.<sup>402</sup></p> <p>Eligible for legal assistance on any matter the LSC-funded agency handles upon receiving LPR status,<sup>403</sup> or, for the spouse, parent or unmarried child under 21 of a U.S. citizen, upon filing an application for LPR status.<sup>404</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>405</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>406</sup> or dating violence.<sup>407</sup> Must be at least 11 years old.<sup>408</sup></p>	<p>family member eligible to apply for U visa status<sup>409</sup> is eligible for legal assistance from Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded agencies<sup>410</sup> on matters related to the crime victimization.<sup>411</sup></p> <p>Eligible for legal assistance on any matter the LSC-funded agency handles upon receiving LPR status,<sup>412</sup> or, for the spouse, parent or unmarried child under 21 of a U.S. citizen, upon filing an application for LPR status.<sup>413</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>414</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>415</sup> or dating violence.<sup>416</sup> Must be at least 11 years old.<sup>417</sup></p>	<p>eligible to apply for U visa status<sup>418</sup> is eligible for legal assistance from Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded agencies<sup>419</sup> on matters related to the crime victimization.<sup>420</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>421</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>422</sup> or dating violence.<sup>423</sup> Must be at least 11 years old.<sup>424</sup></p>	<p>assault or trafficking in the U.S.,<sup>426</sup> is eligible for legal services from LSC-funded agencies<sup>427</sup> on matters related to the abuse.<sup>428</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>429</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>430</sup> or dating violence.<sup>431</sup> Must be at least 11 years old.<sup>432</sup></p>

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<b>Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</b>	<p>Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status.<sup>433</sup></p> <p>Eligible for LIHEAP heating/cooling assistance and single-family weatherization assistance upon receipt of VAWA prima facie determination, lawful permanent residence, or naturalized citizenship.<sup>434</sup></p> <p><i>Low Income Assistance Plan.</i><sup>435</sup></p>	<p>Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status.<sup>436</sup></p> <p>Refugees, asylees, T visa holders, and T visa applicants with prima facie (bona fide) determination eligible for LIHEAP heating/cooling assistance and single-family weatherization assistance.<sup>437</sup></p> <p><i>Low Income Assistance Plan.</i><sup>438</sup></p>	<p>Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings without regard to immigration status.<sup>439</sup></p> <p>Human trafficking victims with HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or with HHS eligibility determination (under 18), are considered refugees and thus are eligible for LIHEAP heating/cooling and single-family weatherization assistance.<sup>440</sup></p> <p><i>Low Income Assistance Plan.</i><sup>441</sup></p>	<p>Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status.<sup>442</sup></p> <p><i>Low Income Assistance Plan.</i><sup>443</sup></p>	<p>Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status.<sup>444</sup></p> <p>Eligible for LIHEAP heating/cooling assistance and single-family weatherization assistance upon receiving lawful permanent residency.<sup>445</sup></p> <p><i>Low Income Assistance Plan.</i><sup>446</sup></p>	<p>Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings without regard to immigration status.<sup>447</sup></p> <p>Eligible for LIHEAP heating/cooling assistance and single-family weatherization assistance upon receiving lawful permanent residency.<sup>448</sup></p> <p><i>Low Income Assistance Plan.</i><sup>449</sup></p>	<p>Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status.<sup>450</sup></p> <p><i>Low Income Assistance Plan.</i><sup>451</sup></p>	<p>Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status.<sup>452</sup></p>
<b>Federal Emergency Management Agency</b>	<p>Eligible for certain FEMA provided emergency services that are available to all victims regardless of their immigration status. These services are short term, non-cash, in-kind emergency disaster relief, including: search and rescue, emergency medical care, mass care and shelter, resources for essential needs such as food, water and medicine, and reduction of immediate threats to life, property, public health and safety.<sup>454</sup></p> <p>D-SNAP, which provides temporary food assistance for households affected by a natural disaster, may be available for households that are not normally eligible for SNAP benefits.<sup>455</sup></p>							

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(FEMA) Assistance <sup>453</sup>								
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-Restricted Programs <sup>456</sup>	Upon receipt of VAWA prima facie determination, lawful permanent residence, or naturalized citizenship <sup>457</sup> :  Eligible for FEMA Assistance Programs, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). <sup>458</sup>	FEMA Assistance Programs, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA): open to <u>Refugees, Asylees, T visa applicants</u> with prima facie (bona fide) determination. <sup>460</sup>  Emergency SNAP open to <u>Refugees/Asylees</u> (no five-year bar), <sup>461</sup> and <u>T visa applicants</u> with prima facie (bona fide) determination subject to five-year bar, unless under 18, or lawfully residing on August 22, 1996 and either receiving disability-related benefits or born before Aug. 22, 1931. <sup>462</sup>	Human trafficking victims eligible: with HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or with HHS eligibility determination (under 18) or family members with T visa status (no need for HHS certification or eligibility determination). <sup>463</sup>  These human trafficking victims are considered refugees and thus are eligible for FEMA Assistance Programs, Individual and Households Program (IHP), Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), and Emergency SNAP. <sup>464</sup>	Not eligible.	Upon receiving lawful permanent residency: Eligible for FEMA Assistance Programs, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). <sup>465</sup>  Eligible for Emergency SNAP, subject to five-year bar, unless under 18 years of age; can be credited with 40 quarters of work earned by the individual, parents, or spouse; or lawfully residing on August 22, 1996 and either receiving disability-related benefits or born before Aug. 22, 1931. <sup>466</sup>	Upon receiving lawful permanent residency: Eligible for FEMA Assistance Programs, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). <sup>467</sup>  Eligible for Emergency SNAP, subject to five-year bar, unless under 18 years of age; can be credited with 40 quarters of work earned by the individual, parents, or spouse; or lawfully residing on August 22, 1996 and either receiving disability-related benefits or born before Aug. 22, 1931. <sup>468</sup>	Upon receiving lawful permanent residency: Eligible for FEMA Assistance Programs, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). <sup>469</sup>  Eligible for Emergency SNAP, subject to five-year bar, unless under 18 years of age; can be credited with 40 quarters of work earned by the individual, parents, or spouse; or lawfully residing on August 22, 1996 and either receiving	Not eligible. <sup>471</sup>
FEMA	Eligible for Emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), subject to five-year bar, unless under 18, or lawfully residing on August 22, 1996 and either receiving disability-related benefits or born before Aug. 22, 1931. <sup>459</sup>							

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							disability-related benefits or born before Aug. 22, 1931. <sup>470</sup>	
<b>Unemployment Insurance<sup>472</sup></b>	Eligible for UI upon receipt of work authorization, lawful permanent residence, or citizenship. <sup>473</sup>	<u>Refugee:</u> Eligible for UI. <sup>474</sup>  <u>Asylee:</u> Eligible for UI upon grant receipt of work authorization. <sup>475</sup>  <u>T Visa:</u> Eligible for UI upon receipt of work authorization. <sup>476</sup>	Eligible for UI upon receipt of HHS certification or eligibility letter and work authorization. <sup>477</sup>	Eligible for UI upon receipt of work authorization. <sup>478</sup>	Eligible for UI upon receipt of work authorization. <sup>479</sup>	Eligible for UI upon receipt of work authorization. <sup>480</sup>	Not eligible. <sup>481</sup>	Not eligible. <sup>482</sup>

<sup>1</sup> VAWA self-petitioner for public benefits purposes includes: VAWA self-petitioners, battered spouse waiver applicants, applicants for relief under VAWA CUBAN ADJUSTMENT ACT (“VAWA CAA”), VAWA HAITIAN REFUGEE IMMIGRATION AND FAIRNESS ACT (“VAWA HRIFA”), VAWA NICARAGUAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN RELIEF ACT (“VAWA NACARA”), VAWA cancellation of removal, VAWA suspension of deportation, and battered spouses and children with approved I-130 visa applications filed by their abusive citizen spouse, parent or step-parent. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c); 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(51). Battered Spouse Waiver (BSW) applicants/recipients have the same eligibility for public benefits purposes as VAWA self-petitioners. BWS victims are eligible either as conditional permanent residents if they still have that status and/or are or continue to be eligible once they file their battered spouse waiver application. Battered spouse waiver applicants have greater benefits access than conditional and lawful permanent residents because they have access to exemptions from deeming and have access to benefits that are only available to battered immigrants.

<sup>2</sup> For those working with immigrant clients who are Compact of Free Association (COFA) citizens/nationals please see NIWAP’s Hawaii Public Benefits Chart (<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hawaii-benefits/>) which contains a detailed explanation with footnotes for each public benefit describing what COFA nationals/citizens are eligible for in all U.S. jurisdictions. Under COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION ACT (COFA) Pacific Islanders who are citizens/nationals of the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia (collectively the Freely Associated States or FAS) living in the United States (including all U.S. territories) are eligible for federal public benefits without being subject to the 5-year bar. COMPACT IMPACT FAIRNESS ACT (CIFA) included in CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2024 (March 9, 2024). Information about COFA eligibility for public benefits is also being included in each state’s listing in NIWAP’s public benefits map <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/benefits-map/>.

<sup>3</sup> *See* 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2)-(3), (c)(4) (Asylees, Refugees and trafficking victims and family members of trafficking victims with T visa status or a pending T visa application setting forth a “prima facie” (bona facie) case for eligibility); Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for “T” Nonimmigrant Status, 81 Fed. Reg. 92266, 92279, 92304, 92307 (Dec. 19, 2016) (effective Jan. 8, 2017) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. pts. 212, 214, 245, 274) (Prima facie/bona fide determinations on T visa applications are made by the DEP’T OF HOMELAND SECURITY.).

<sup>4</sup> **Afghans entering between 7/31/21 and 9/30/23:** In 2021, Congress extended benefits eligibility to certain Afghans paroled into the U.S. through § 2502 of the EXTENDING GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND DELIVERING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT, Pub. L. 117-43, 135 Stat. 344, 377 (2021). This law was amended by the CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND UKRAINE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, Pub. L. 117-180 § 149, 135 Stat. 2114, 2124 (2022), and by the CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2023, Pub. L. 117-328 § 1501, 136 Stat. 4459, 5195 (2022). This law as amended provides that:

- Afghans granted humanitarian parole between July 31, 2021 and September 30, 2023 are eligible for resettlement assistance, entitlement programs, federally recognized driver's licenses and identification cards, and other federal and state public benefits to the same extent as refugees through the end of their humanitarian parole.
- The spouses and children of these Afghans granted humanitarian parolees who are granted their own humanitarian parole after September 30, 2022, are also eligible for resettlement assistance, entitlement programs, federally recognized driver's licenses and identification cards, and other federal and state public benefits to the same extent as refugees through the end of their humanitarian parole.
- Parents or guardians of unaccompanied Afghan children granted parole after September 30, 2023 are— also eligible for resettlement assistance, entitlement programs, federally recognized driver's licenses and identification cards, and other federal and state public benefits to the same extent as refugees through the end of their humanitarian parole.

See OFF. OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH AND HUM. SERV., *Fact Sheet: Benefits for Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Holders or SQ/SI Parolees* <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-afghan-and-iraqi-special-immigrant-visa-siv-holders-or-sq/si-parolees> (last visited November 29, 2023) (Iraqi and Afghan special immigrant visa holders (SIV) and special immigrant parolees (who have applied for SIV status) are eligible for federal benefits to the same extent as refugees.) See also *The Administration for Children and Families Office of Refugee Resettlement Policy Letters on Public Benefits for Afghan Refugees* (November 29, 2023) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/orr-policy-letters-afghan-refugees> (Contains HHS Policy Letters and Fact Sheets regarding Afghan Refugees).

#### **Afghans entering on or after 10/1/23:**

- Afghan humanitarian parolees arriving on or after October 1, 2023, are not eligible for federal public benefits to the same extent as refugees. See *The Administration for Children and Families Office of Refugee Resettlement Policy Letters on Public Benefits for Afghan Refugees* (November 29, 2023) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/orr-policy-letters-afghan-refugees> (Contains HHS Policy Letters and Fact Sheets regarding Afghan Refugees).

Afghans under the Temporary Protected Status:

- Are considered lawful present individuals which provides access to healthcare exchanges to purchase health insurance and some states state-funded healthcare subsidies or other access to state funded benefits to the same extent as other lawful present individuals, cited on this public benefits chart as DACA, SIJS, U-visa bona fide or wait list approval. Extension of Designation of Afghanistan for TPS, 88 Fed. Reg. 65728 (Sep. 25, 2023). See *Clarifying the Eligibility of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Recipients and Certain Other Noncitizens for a Qualified Health Plan through an Exchange, Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit, Cost-Sharing Reductions, and a Basic Health Program*, 89 Fed. Reg. 39392, 39436 (May 8, 2024).

Afghans with pending or approved applications for asylum:

- Receive the same public benefits access as all other asylees. Afghan asylum applicants will have greater access to public benefits than other asylum applicants if they were granted one of the forms of humanitarian parole listed above that receives access to public benefits to the same extent as refugees. Once an Afghan recipient of humanitarian parole applies for and is granted asylum, they receive access to state and federal public benefits to the same extent as asylees.

See also, *Changes to Benefits Eligibility and Services for Afghans Arriving as Humanitarian Parolees*, SETTLEIN (FEB. 21, 2024) <https://www.settlein.support/en-us/articles/16903785241629>.

<sup>5</sup> UKRAINE SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2024, 118 P.L. 50; 2024 Enacted H.R. 815; 118 Enacted H.R. 815; 138 Stat. 895 (2024). *Department of Homeland Security, President Biden to Announce Uniting For Ukraine, a New Streamlined Process to Welcome Ukrainians Fleeing the Russian Invasion of Ukraine*, DEP'T OF HOMELAND SEC. (April 21, 2022) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ukrainians-2022-dhs/> (Ukrainians paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024 – and their spouses and children, and parents, guardians or primary caregivers of unaccompanied children paroled into the U.S. after September 30, 2024 – are eligible for federal benefits to the same extent as refugees.); See *The Administration for Children and Families Office of Refugee Resettlement Policy Letters on Public Benefits for Ukrainian Refugees* (November 29, 2023) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/orr-policy-letters-ukrainian-refugees> (Contains HHS Policy Letters and Fact Sheets regarding Ukrainian Refugees).

<sup>6</sup> See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1) (Bona fide T visa applicants with HHS certification, trafficking victims under 18 with HHS eligibility determination, and family members with T visa status are eligible for public benefits to the same extent as refugees.); *Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for “T” Nonimmigrant Status*, 81 Fed. Reg. 92266, 92278 (Dec. 19, 2016) (effective Jan. 18, 2017) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. pts. 212, 214, 245, 274); *New Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for “T” Nonimmigrant Status*, 67 Fed. Reg. 4784, 4789-91 (Jan. 31, 2002) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. pt. 103), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/federal-register-new-classification/>.

<sup>8</sup> See *DACA*, NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR. (last visited Mar. 2, 2018), <https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/> (DACA is “deferred action” for certain undocumented youth who came to the United States as children.).

<sup>9</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(j) (Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) allows certain youth immigrant survivors of abuse, abandonment, and/or neglect by a parent to obtain legal immigration status.).

<sup>10</sup> See *CTR. FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERV., U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., MEDICAID AND CHIP COVERAGE FOR “LAWFULLY RESIDING” CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN 2* (2010), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-gov-hhslawfullyresidingmedicaid-07-01-10-also-in-qualified-immigrants/> (Upon receipt of deferred action U visa applicants are considered lawfully present.). U visa applicants receive deferred action which provides formal protection from deportation when they receive a bona fide determination or wait-list approval from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). See, NIWAP, *New DHS U Visa Bona Fide Policy Provides Earlier Access Deferred Action and Work Authorization To Applicants and NIWAP New Study Provides Evidence-Based Support for These New DHS Policies* (June 14, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/transforming-lives-study-21>.

<sup>11</sup> 45 C.F.R. § 155.20 (Defining lawfully present immigrants); 42 CFR § 435.4 (Defining qualified immigrants). For a detailed list of lawfully present immigrants eligible under federal law to purchase health insurance on the exchanges, who may also be eligible for federal or state funded healthcare subsidies, see, Leslye E. Orloff, *Health Care Access for Lawfully Present Immigrants – Definitions* (May 27, 2024), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lawfully-present-healthcare/>; Leslye E. Orloff, *Annotated Statutes Related to Public Benefits Eligibility for Immigrant Survivors of*



*Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Human Trafficking* (May 27, 2024), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/1641-1631-benefits-laws-annotated/>; Leslye E. Orloff, *Annotated Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition Definition INA 101(a)(51)* (May 27, 2024), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-self-petitioner-annotated-ina-101a51/>.

<sup>12</sup> State benefits agencies are only allowed to ask for immigration status and social security number information for the family members who is the applicant for the benefit. See NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Privacy Protections in Selected Federal Benefits Programs* (Feb. 21, 2018) <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/privacy-protections-fed-programs-tbl-2018.pdf> (providing guidelines on what information a State may request from a parent applying on behalf of a child applicant); see also Anna Pohl, Hema Sarangapani, Amanda Baran, and Cecilia Olavarria, *Chapter 4.3: Barriers to Accessing Services: The Importance of Advocates Accompanying Battered Immigrants Applying for Public Benefits* (Jul. 10, 2013), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch4-3-importance-advocates>; see also *Policy Guidance Regarding Inquiries Into Citizenship, Immigration Status and Social Security Numbers In State Applications For Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (Schip), Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (Tanf), and Food Stamp Benefits*, U.S. DEP'T HEALTH & HUM. SERV. (Mar. 24, 2006), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-gov-hhsqacitizenshippolicyguidance-03-24-06>.

<sup>13</sup> Battered Spouse Waiver victims are VAWA self-petitioners as defined in INA § 101(a)(51). To be eligible for a battered spouse waiver the victim must be a battered immigrant spouse of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident who filed an immigration case on the battered spouse's behalf through which the immigrant spouse was granted conditional permanent residency. Most battered spouse waiver applicants will have conditional permanent residency at the time they file their battered spouse waiver application. Their public benefits eligibility is based either on their conditional permanent residency or on their battered spouse waiver application. It is important to note that after an abused immigrant spouse files their battered spouse waiver application, they become eligible for VAWA self-petitioning related deeming exceptions and eligible for state funded public benefits to the same extent as all other VAWA self-petitioners in states that grant self-petitioners access to state funded public benefits.

<sup>14</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023) (Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>15</sup> 8 U.S.C. 1631(f) (Qualified immigrants who have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by a spouse, a parent or a member of the spouse's or parent's family are exempt from deeming for 12 months. The exemption from deeming may be extended if the battered immigrant obtains an order from a judge or a ruling from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recognizing the battering or extreme cruelty the immigrant victim suffered.) (Interim Guidance on Verification of Citizenship, Qualified Alien Status and Eligibility Under Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Att'y Gen. Order No. 2129-97, 62 Fed. Reg. 61,344, at 61,371 (Nov. 17, 1997)), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/1997-doj-interim-guidance-benefits/>. See Catherine Longville and Leslye Orloff, *Public Benefits: What is "Deeming" and What Are its Exceptions*, (January 13, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/deeming-fact-sheet/>. *Applicability of Public Charge and Deeming Rules to Immigrant Survivors and Their Children Eligible for Healthcare Subsidies*, in NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (April 9, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/public-charge-deeming/>

<sup>16</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>17</sup> 8 U.S.C. § 1631(f) (Qualified immigrants who have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by a spouse, a parent or a member of the spouse's or parent's family are exempt from deeming for 12 months. The exemption from deeming may be extended if the battered immigrant obtains an order from a judge or a ruling from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recognizing the battering or extreme cruelty the immigrant victim suffered.) (Interim Guidance on Verification of Citizenship, Qualified Alien Status and Eligibility Under TITLE IV OF THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996, Att'y Gen. Order No. 2129-97, 62 Fed. Reg. 61,344, at 61,371 (Nov. 17, 1997)), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/1997-doj-interim-guidance-benefits/>. See Catherine Longville and Leslye Orloff, *Public Benefits: What is "Deeming" and What Are its Exceptions*, (January 13, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/deeming-fact-sheet/>. *Applicability of Public Charge and Deeming Rules to Immigrant Survivors and Their Children Eligible for Healthcare Subsidies*, in NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (April 9, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/public-charge-deeming/>

<sup>18</sup> OFF. OF FAM. ASSISTANCE, ADMIN. FOR CHILD. AND FAMS., U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH AND HUM. SERVS., Q & A: Immigrants (May 20, 2019) <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/faq/q-immigrants>. (Q2: Does the five-year bar for certain newly arrived qualified aliens apply to all federally-funded TANF benefits (e.g., including benefits that do not meet the definition of assistance)? "A service that is only available to the financially needy would not meet the AG criteria and could be provided only to otherwise eligible citizens and qualified aliens." TANF is such a program.)

<sup>19</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 8: State Funded TANF Replacement Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 102-03 (4th ed. 2002, table updated May 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/guide\\_tanf/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/guide_tanf/); Eligibility for the program may be affected by deeming but there are exceptions for certain categories of immigrants, See Catherine Longville & Leslye Orloff, *Public Benefits: What is "Deeming" and What are its Exceptions*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Jan. 13, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/deeming-fact-sheet/>; See also *Temporary assistance for needy families; promotion of economic self-support*, ME REV. STAT. § 3762(3)(B)(2), <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/22/title22sec3762.html> (last visited June 18, 2018). VAWA self-petitioners are qualified immigrants and who meet the Maine hardship criteria of being victims of domestic violence and are therefore eligible for state-funded TANF during the 5 year waiting period to be eligible for federally funded TANF. See *Public Assistance Manual (TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)*, 10-144 ME. CODE R. § 331, at Ch. II § II (a)(1)(H) & Ch. II § II(b)(3), <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch331.htm> (last visited July 31, 2018).

<sup>20</sup> *Public Assistance Manual (TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)*, 10-144 ME. CODE R. § 331, at Ch. II § II (a)(1)(H) & Ch. II § II(b)(3), <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch331.htm> (last visited June 10, 2024); See *Temporary assistance for needy families; promotion of economic self-support*, ME REV. STAT. tit. 22, § 3762(3)(B)(2), <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/22/title22sec3762.html> (last visited June 18, 2018); Nat'l Immigr. L. Ctr., *Table 8: State-Funded TANF Replacement Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 102-03 (4th ed. 2022, table updated May 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide\\_tanf/](https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide_tanf/).

<sup>21</sup> 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(b)(2)(A)(ii); 1613(b)(1). Federal eligibility for refugees and asylees extends for the first five years after attaining that status. However, if they have attained lawful permanent resident status with 40 qualifying work quarters, they will already have satisfied the five-year bar for eligibility as an LPR by the time their refugee/asylee benefit period for TANF ends. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(b)(2)(B). Or, they may be eligible as a veteran and/or member of a veteran's family, for which neither the five-year bar nor the five-year time limit applies. See 8 U.S.C. §§

1612(b)(2)(C), 1613(b)(2). Or, in some states their eligibility as a refugee or asylee continues past this five-year limit. *States can also continue to provide benefits once the mandated five year federal coverage period for refugees and asylees ends.* See NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS* 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). Since refugees, asylees and trafficking victims with continued presence or who are T visa applicants are not required under U.S. immigration laws to have a sponsor, they are not subject to sponsor deeming. See OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., *TANF-ACF-PI-2003-03 (Deeming of Sponsor's Income and Resources to A Non-Citizen)* (April 17, 2003), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/resource/policy/pi-ofa/2003/pi2003-2htm-0>.

<sup>22</sup> See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1); *Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for "T" Nonimmigrant Status*, 81 Fed. Reg. 92266, 92278 (Dec. 19, 2016) (effective Jan. 18, 2017) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. pts. 212, 214, 245, 274); *New Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for "T" Nonimmigrant Status*, 67 Fed. Reg. 4784, 4789-91 (Jan. 31, 2002) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. pt. 103), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/federal-register-new-classification/>. TANF benefits for refugees are available without a five-year waiting period, but are limited to five years. However, if the refugee attains lawful permanent resident status with 40 qualifying work quarters, they will already have satisfied the five-year bar for eligibility as a lawful permanent resident by the time their refugee/asylee benefit period for TANF ends. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(b)(2)(B). Or, they may be eligible as a veteran and/or member of a veteran's family, for which neither the five-year bar nor the five-year time limit applies. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(b)(2)(C), 1613(b)(2). Or, in some states their eligibility as a refugee or asylee continues past this five-year limit. See NAT'L IMMIGR. L. IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS* 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). Since refugees, asylees and trafficking victims with continued presence or who are T visa applicants are not required under U.S. immigration laws to have a sponsor, they are not subject to sponsor deeming. See OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., *TANF-ACF-PI-2003-03 (Deeming of Sponsor's Income and Resources to A Non-Citizen)* (April 17, 2003), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/resource/policy/pi-ofa/2003/pi2003-2htm-0>.

<sup>23</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS* 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(4). An applicant with a military connection is eligible as a matter of federal law, without the five-year bar. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(b)(2)(C), 1613(b)(2). Federal law does not require states to impose the five-year time limit to trafficking victim eligibility as a qualified immigrant. Since refugees, asylees and trafficking victims with continued presence or who are T visa applicants are not required under U.S. immigration laws to have a sponsor, they are not subject to sponsor deeming. See OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., *TANF-ACF-PI-2003-03 (Deeming of Sponsor's Income and Resources to A Non-Citizen)* (April 17, 2003), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/resource/policy/pi-ofa/2003/pi2003-2htm-0>.

<sup>24</sup> Public Assistance Manual (TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), 10-144 ME. CODE R. § 331, at Ch. II § II (a)(1)(H) & Ch. II § II(b)(3), <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch331.htm> (last visited June 10, 2024); See Temporary assistance for needy families; promotion of economic self-support, ME REV. STAT. tit. 22, § 3762(3)(B)(2), <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/22/title22sec3762.html> (last visited June 18, 2018); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 8: State-Funded TANF Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS* 102-03 (4th ed. 2022, table updated May 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide\\_tanf/](https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide_tanf/).

<sup>25</sup> OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

<sup>26</sup> OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)). Since refugees, asylees and trafficking victims with continued presence or who are T visa applicants are not required under U.S. immigration laws to have a sponsor, they are not subject to sponsor deeming. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/resource/policy/pi-ofa/2003/pi2003-2htm-0>

<sup>27</sup> OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b).

<sup>28</sup> Public Assistance Manual (TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), 10-144 ME. CODE R. § 331, at Ch. II § II (a)(1)(H) & Ch. II § II(b)(3), <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch331.htm> (last visited June 10, 2024); See Temporary assistance for needy families; promotion of economic self-support, ME REV. STAT. tit. 22, § 3762(3)(B)(2), <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/22/title22sec3762.html> (last visited June 18, 2018); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 8: State-Funded TANF Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS* 102-03 (4th ed. 2022, table updated May 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide\\_tanf/](https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide_tanf/).

<sup>29</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS* 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).

<sup>30</sup> Public Assistance Manual (TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), 10-144 ME. CODE R. § 331, at Ch. II § II (a)(1)(H) & Ch. II § II(b)(3), <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch331.htm> (last visited June 10, 2024); See Temporary assistance for needy families; promotion of economic self-support, ME REV. STAT. tit. 22, § 3762(3)(B)(2), <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/22/title22sec3762.html> (last visited June 18, 2018); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 8: State-Funded TANF Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS* 102-03 (4th ed. 2022, table updated May 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide\\_tanf/](https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide_tanf/).

<sup>31</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS* 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1). SIJS applicant with a military connection is eligible without five-year bar. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(b)(2)(C), 1613(b)(2).

<sup>32</sup> 8 U.S.C. 1631(f) (Qualified immigrants who have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by a spouse, a parent or a member of the spouse's or parent's family are exempt from deeming for 12 months. The exemption from deeming may be extended if the battered immigrant obtains an order from a judge or a ruling from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recognizing the battering or extreme cruelty the immigrant victim suffered.) (Interim Guidance on Verification of Citizenship, Qualified Alien Status and Eligibility Under TITLE IV OF THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996, Att'y Gen. Order No. 2129-97, 62 Fed. Reg. 61,344, at 61,371 (Nov. 17, 1997)). <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/1997-doj-interim-guidance-benefits/>; See Catherine Longville and Leslye Orloff, *Public Benefits: What is "Deeming" and What Are its Exceptions*, (January 13, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/deeming-fact-sheet/>; *Applicability of Public Charge and Deeming Rules to Immigrant Survivors and Their Children Eligible for Healthcare Subsidies*, in NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (April 9, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/public-charge-deeming/>. Qualified immigrants may also be exempt from deeming when they naturalize, when they can show they are credited with 40 qualifying quarters of work, when they qualify for the up to 12 month exception for indigence, or have another form of immigration status does not require sponsorship. See 8 U.S.C. § 1631; DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERVS., OFF. OF FAM. ASSISTANCE, *TANF-ACF-PI-2003-03 (Deeming of Sponsor's Income and Resources To A Non-Citizen)*, (2003), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/resource/policy/pi-ofa/2003/pi2003-2htm-0>

<sup>33</sup> Public Assistance Manual (TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), 10-144 ME. CODE R. § 331, at Ch. II § II (a)(1)(H) & Ch. II § II(b)(3), <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch331.htm> (last visited June 10, 2024); See Temporary assistance for needy families; promotion of economic self-support, ME REV. STAT. tit. 22, § 3762(3)(B)(2), <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/22/title22sec3762.html> (last visited June 18, 2018); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 8: State-Funded TANF Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 102-03* (4th ed. 2022, table updated May 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide\\_tanf/](https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide_tanf/).

<sup>34</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

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<sup>36</sup> Public Assistance Manual (TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), 10-144 ME. CODE R. § 331, at Ch. II § II (a)(1)(H) & Ch. II § II(b)(3), <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch331.htm> (last visited June 10, 2024); See Temporary assistance for needy families; promotion of economic self-support, ME REV. STAT. tit. 22, § 3762(3)(B)(2), <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/22/title22sec3762.html> (last visited June 18, 2018); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 8: State-Funded TANF Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 102-03* (4th ed. 2022, table updated May 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide\\_tanf/](https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide_tanf/).

<sup>37</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).

<sup>38</sup> Public Assistance Manual (TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), 10-144 ME. CODE R. § 331, at Ch. II § II (a)(1)(H) & Ch. II § II(b)(3), <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch331.htm> (last visited June 10, 2024); See Temporary assistance for needy families; promotion of economic self-support, ME REV. STAT. tit. 22, § 3762(3)(B)(2), <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/22/title22sec3762.html> (last visited June 18, 2018); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 8: State-Funded TANF Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 102-03* (4th ed. 2022, table updated May 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide\\_tanf/](https://www.nilc.org/economic-support/guide_tanf/).

<sup>39</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).

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<sup>41</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117* (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf). See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>42</sup> OFF. OF FAM. ASSISTANCE, ADMIN. FOR CHILD. AND FAMS., U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERVS., Q&A: Immigrants (May 20, 2019) <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/faq/q-immigrants>. (Q2: Does the five-year bar for certain newly arrived qualified aliens apply to all federally-funded TANF benefits (e.g., including benefits that do not meet the definition of assistance)? "A service that is only available to the financially needy would not meet the AG criteria and could be provided only to otherwise eligible citizens and qualified aliens." TANF is such a program.)



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<sup>43</sup> Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>.

<sup>44</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(2)-(3). NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>45</sup> See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>46</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(4). NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>47</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(4). NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>48</sup> Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>.

<sup>49</sup> OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>; NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf). See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

<sup>50</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf); Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>;

OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b).

<sup>51</sup> Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>.

<sup>52</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>53</sup> Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>.

<sup>54</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

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<sup>56</sup> 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(b)(2)(A)(ii); Eligibility is based on the citizenship or immigration status of the child. The immigration status of the child's parent or parents is not relevant to this determination. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Verification of Citizenship and Immigration Status by Non-Profit Organizations and Head Start Grantees, in OFFICE OF CHILD CARE (May 2, 2008), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/pi-2008-01>. NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf). See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

<sup>57</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf); Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

<sup>58</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

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<sup>61</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf); Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRATION WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

<sup>62</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>63</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf); Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRATION WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

<sup>64</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>65</sup> See FOOD & NUTRITION SERV., U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (2017), <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligibility> (As with most public benefits, to obtain food stamps, individuals must also meet resource, income, and employment requirements. There is a pre-screening tool to determine if an individual might be eligible for nutrition assistance.); See also *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (In general, non-citizens who have lived in the U.S. for 5 years or more, are blind or disabled, are under the age of 18, were admitted for lawful permanent residence with 40 qualifying quarters or are lawfully residing and are on active duty in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard or honorably discharged are eligible.)

<sup>66</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., Table 1: *Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018); See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c); See also 8 U.S.C. § 1612(a)(1)-1612(a)(2). Battered immigrants are not subject to deeming for at least 12 months, with the possibility of extension. See Guidance on Non-Citizen Eligibility, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, at 31, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligibility/non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Apr. 29, 2023).

<sup>67</sup> *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Guidance on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, at 31, [https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/Non-Citizen\\_Guidance\\_063011.pdf](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/Non-Citizen_Guidance_063011.pdf) (last accessed February 27, 2024)

<sup>68</sup> See *Food supplement program for legal aliens*, ME. STAT. tit. 22, § 3104-A, <http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec3104-A.html> (last visited July 31, 2018); See also *General Program Requirements/Non Financial Eligibility Factor*, 10-144 ME. CODE R. § FS-111-2, at 2a-2b, 2d, 3a, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch301.htm> (last visited July 11, 2018); VAWA self-petitioners are victims of domestic violence who meet the domestic violence hardship exception making them eligible for state-funded SNAP in Maine until they become eligible for federally funded SNAP.) See also NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., Table 12: *State-Funded Food Assistance Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 134-35 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Jan. 2024).

<sup>69</sup> 10-144 U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH AND HUM. SERV. OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE Chapter 301 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(SNAP) RULES (formerly FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM) [Effective December 17, 2024 – filing 2024 - 272 U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH AND HUM. SERV. OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) RULES 10-144, Chapter 301, electronic page 16-18 FS111-2.

<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fsos%2Fcec%2Frules%2F10%2F144%2F144c301.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., Table 12: *State-Funded Food Assistance Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 134-35 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Jan. 2024) [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/tb12\\_statefood\\_2024-01.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/tb12_statefood_2024-01.pdf).

<sup>70</sup> See 8 USC §1612(a)(2)(A) and (L). Directly eligible for SNAP as refugees and asylees for seven years. However, they retain eligibility past the seven years since they will have transitioned into qualified immigrant status, with indefinite eligibility for SNAP, after five years. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(2)-(3). See also Nat'l Immigr. L. Ctr., Table 1: *Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in Guide to Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(2)-(3). See also *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Guidance on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, at 31, [https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/Non-Citizen\\_Guidance\\_063011.pdf](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/Non-Citizen_Guidance_063011.pdf) (last accessed Mar. 13, 2019). [https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/Non-Citizen\\_Guidance\\_063011.pdf](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/Non-Citizen_Guidance_063011.pdf)

<sup>71</sup> 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(4); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., Table 1: *Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018).

<sup>72</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., Table 1: *Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018); See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

<sup>73</sup> See *Food supplement program for legal aliens*, ME. STAT. tit. 22, § 3104-A, <http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec3104-A.html> (last visited July 31, 2018); See also *General Program Requirements/Non Financial Eligibility Factor*, 10-144 ME. CODE R. § FS-111-2, at 2a-2b, 2d, 3a, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch301.htm> (last visited July 11, 2018); VAWA self-petitioners are victims of domestic violence who meet the domestic violence hardship exception making them eligible for state-funded SNAP in Maine until they become eligible for federally funded

SNAP.) See also NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 12: State-Funded Food Assistance Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 134-35* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Jan. 2024).

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<sup>75</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018);. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

<sup>76</sup> OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b).

<sup>77</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b). Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification). See NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018).

<sup>78</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018).

<sup>79</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018).

<sup>80</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). Five-year residency includes time in qualified status prior to turning 18. When SIJS children become qualified immigrants, they may be exempt from deeming when they naturalize, or if they can show they are credited with 40 qualifying quarters of work, or if they are eligible for a 12 month exception for indigence, or have another form of immigration status does not require sponsorship. 8 U.S.C. § 1631; *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Guidance on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, at 31-33, [https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/Non-Citizen\\_Guidance\\_063011.pdf](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/Non-Citizen_Guidance_063011.pdf) (last accessed Mar. 13, 2019).

<sup>81</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (Although eligibility based on 40 work quarters includes work performed by applicant, spouse, and parents while the applicant was under 18, SIJS youth are generally not able to satisfy this condition.)

<sup>82</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). May be subject to deeming.

<sup>83</sup> See *Food supplement program for legal aliens*, ME. STAT. tit. 22, § 3104-A, <http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec3104-A.html> (last visited July 31, 2018); See also *General Program Requirements/Non Financial Eligibility Factor*, 10-144 ME. CODE R. § FS-111-2, at 2a-2b, 2d, 3a, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch301.htm> (last visited July 11, 2018); VAWA self-petitioners are victims of domestic violence who meet the domestic violence hardship exception making them eligible for state-funded SNAP in Maine until they become eligible for federally funded SNAP.) See also NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 12: State-Funded Food Assistance Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 134-35* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Jan. 2024).

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<sup>85</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018).

<sup>86</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (Eligible children are exempt from sponsor deeming.)



- <sup>87</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (Five-year residency includes time in qualified status prior to turning 18.). May be subject to deeming.
- <sup>88</sup> *See SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (Although eligibility based on 40 work quarters includes work performed by applicant, spouse, and parents while the applicant was under 18, SIJS youth are generally not able to satisfy this condition.).
- <sup>89</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (Born on or before August 22, 1931 and lawfully resided in the U.S. on August 22, 1996.). May be subject to deeming.
- <sup>90</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). May be subject to deeming.
- <sup>91</sup> *See Food supplement program for legal aliens*, ME. STAT. tit. 22, § 3104-A, <http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec3104-A.html> (last visited July 31, 2018); *See also General Program Requirements/Non Financial Eligibility Factor*, 10-144 ME. CODE R. § FS-111-2, at 2a-2b, 2d, 3a, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch301.htm> (last visited July 11, 2018); VAWA self-petitioners are victims of domestic violence who meet the domestic violence hardship exception making them eligible for state-funded SNAP in Maine until they become eligible for federally funded SNAP.) *See also* NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 12: State-Funded Food Assistance Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 134-35 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Jan. 2024).
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- <sup>93</sup> 42 U.S.C.S. § 1786; *Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC. FOOD & NUTRITION SERV., <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/women-infants-and-children-wic> (last visited June 14, 2018).
- <sup>94</sup> *WIC Contacts*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC. FOOD & NUTRITION SERV., <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-contacts> (last visited June 14, 2018).
- <sup>95</sup> *WIC Eligibility Requirements*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC. FOOD & NUTRITION SERV., <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-eligibility-requirements> (last visited June 14, 2018).
- <sup>96</sup> *WIC Nutrition Program*, ME. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERVS., <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/health-equity/wic/index.shtml> (last visited June 18, 2018).
- <sup>97</sup> *Who is eligible for the WIC Nutrition Program in Maine?*, ME. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERVS., <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/health-equity/wic/Applicants/am-i-eligible.shtml> (last visited June 18, 2018).
- <sup>98</sup> 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c); HealthCare.gov, *Immigrants, Immigration status to qualify for the Marketplace*, HEALTHCARE.GOV (last visited February 27, 2024) <https://www.healthcare.gov/immigrants/immigration-status/> (Listing immigrants with which immigration statuses are legally able to use the Marketplace); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., “LAWFULLY PRESENT” INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 5, (2012, rev. 2022) <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf>. IMMIGR. L.
- <sup>99</sup> 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c); HealthCare.gov, *Immigrants, Immigration status to qualify for the Marketplace*, HEALTHCARE.GOV (last visited February 27, 2024) <https://www.healthcare.gov/immigrants/immigration-status/> (Listing immigrants with which immigration statuses are legally able to use the Marketplace); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., “LAWFULLY PRESENT” INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 5, (2012, rev. 2022) <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf>.
- <sup>100</sup> HealthCare.gov, *Immigrants, Coverage for U.S. Citizens and U.S. Nationals*, HEALTHCARE.GOV (last visited February 27, 2024) <https://www.healthcare.gov/immigrants/us-citizens-and-nationals/>. NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., “LAWFULLY PRESENT” INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 5, (2012, rev. 2022) <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf>.
- <sup>101</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., “LAWFULLY PRESENT” INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 2 (2012, rev. 2022), <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf>. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(2).
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- <sup>103</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., “LAWFULLY PRESENT” INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 5 (2012, rev. 2022), <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf>. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(4).
- <sup>104</sup> 42 C.F.R. § 435.4(2)(ii), (iv), and (v).
- <sup>105</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., “LAWFULLY PRESENT” INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 5 (2012, rev. 2022), <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf>. *See* 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

<sup>106</sup> OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b).

<sup>107</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., "LAWFULLY PRESENT" INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 5 (2012, rev. 2022), <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

<sup>108</sup> 45 C.F.R. 155.20(9); 8 C.F.R. 236.22. (Beginning November 1, 2024 recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are eligible for access to state and federal healthcare exchanges.)

<sup>109</sup> 45 C.F.R. 155.20(13); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., "LAWFULLY PRESENT" INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 5 (2012, rev. 2022), <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf>.

<sup>110</sup> 45 C.F.R. 155.20(9); U visa bona fide determinations come with deferred action which is protection from deportation and which makes U visa applicants eligible for health care as lawfully residing immigrant. Cindy Mann, CTR. FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERV., U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., MEDICAID AND CHIP COVERAGE FOR "LAWFULLY RESIDING" CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN 3 (2010), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-gov-hhslawfullyresidingmedicaid-07-01-10-also-in-qualified-immigrants/>.

<sup>111</sup> 45 C.F.R. 155.20(9); Cindy Mann, CTR. FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERV., U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., MEDICAID AND CHIP COVERAGE FOR "LAWFULLY RESIDING" CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN 3 (2010), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-gov-hhslawfullyresidingmedicaid-07-01-10-also-in-qualified-immigrants/>; Carly Erickson & Leslye E. Orloff, *U-Visa Victim Benefits under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)*, NAT'L IMMIGR. WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (June 18, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-healthcare-aca/>.

<sup>112</sup> Carly Erickson & Leslye E. Orloff, *U-Visa Victim Benefits under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)*, NAT'L IMMIGR. WOMEN'S ADVOC. PROJECT (June 18, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-healthcare-aca/>; NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., "LAWFULLY PRESENT" INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 5-6 (2012, rev. 2022), <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf>.

<sup>113</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., "LAWFULLY PRESENT" INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 1 (2012, rev. 2022), <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf> (DACA coverage limited to those "lawfully present" in the United States).

<sup>114</sup> Footnotes in this section contain additional details on health care subsidies, including co-pays that may be required. They contain further state by state information on health care access for immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence. See MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS, LLP *Chapter 17.1: Emergency Medicaid – Urgent Medical Services for Immigrant Crime Victims and Children*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (December 2016), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch17-1-emergencymedicaid/>; see *id.* *Chapter 17.2: Coverage for Forensic Costs for Immigrant Crime Victims: Medical Coverage and Services* (February 12, 2017) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch17-2-forensiccoverageimmvictims/>; see *id.* *Chapter 17.3: Post-Assault Healthcare and Crime Victim Compensation for Immigrant Victims of Violence* (June 13, 2017) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch17-3-postassault-healthcare-compensation/>; see *id.* *Chapter 17.4: Pre-Natal and Child Health Care for Immigrant Victims and Their Children* (February 17, 2017) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch17-4-prenatal-care/>.

<sup>115</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). HealthCare.gov, Immigrants, Coverage for Lawfully Present Immigrants, HEALTHCARE.GOV (last visited February 27, 2024) <https://www.healthcare.gov/immigrants/lawfully-present-immigrants/>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>116</sup> HealthCare.gov, Immigrants, Coverage for U.S. Citizens and U.S. Nationals, HEALTHCARE.GOV (last visited February 27, 2024) <https://www.healthcare.gov/immigrants/us-citizens-and-nationals/>. NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., "LAWFULLY PRESENT" INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 5, (2012, rev. 2022) <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA.-PDF.pdf>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>117</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).

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<sup>119</sup> *State-funded Medical Program for Noncitizens*, 22 ME. CODE R. § 3174-FFF, <https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec3174-FFF-1.html> (last visited Jan. 11, 2025).

<sup>120</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table: Medical Assistance Programs for Immigrants in Various States* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 122-23, 126-27 (4th ed. 2002, table rev. Jan. 2024) [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/med-services-for-imms-in-states-Jan\\_2024.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/med-services-for-imms-in-states-Jan_2024.pdf).

<sup>120</sup> CENTER FOR MEDICAID AND CHIP SERVICES, MAINE STATE PLAN AMENDMENT ME-23-0025 (January 29, 2024) <https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/ME-23-0025.pdf>.

<sup>121</sup> Off. for Fam. Indep., ME Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs., MaineCare Eligibility Manual §§ 1, 3.4.;

Nat'l Immigr. L. Ctr., *Table 8: Medical Assistance Programs for Immigrants in Various States* in Guide to Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs 122-23, 126-27 (4th ed. table updated Jan. 2024) [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/med-services-for-imms-in-states-Jan\\_2024.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/med-services-for-imms-in-states-Jan_2024.pdf); Off. for Fam. Indep., ME Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs., MaineCare Eligibility Manual §§ 1, 3.4.

<sup>122</sup> 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(b)(2)(A); 1613. Federal eligibility for Medicaid for refugees and asylees extends for the first seven years after attaining that status; however, in most states their eligibility can continue past this seven-year limitation, since by seven years they may have become lawful permanent residents with 40 qualifying quarters of work credit and will have satisfied the five-year bar to access to Medicaid. See 8 U.S.C. § 1612(b)(2)(B). Or, they may be a veteran and/or a member of a veteran's family, for whom the five-year bar and seven-year limit do not apply. See 8 U.S.C. §§

1612(b)(2)(C), 1613(b)(2). States can also continue to provide benefits once the mandated seven-year federal coverage period for refugees and asylees ends. *See also* Nat'l Immigr. L. Ctr., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in *Guide to Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar.

2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). *See* state law citations in this chart to identify if this state provides benefits for asylees and refugees beyond the seven-year limitation.

<sup>123</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1). Human trafficking victims with HHS certification or an HHS determination letter are eligible as refugees for 7 years. To continue to receive benefits once 7 years has passed since they received their HHS certification or HHS determination letter, they will need to file for and be granted a T visa. This allows them to continue to qualify for public benefits as qualified immigrants. So long as the trafficking victim files for a T visa soon after receiving HHS certification or determination, they should gain qualified immigrant status and the 5-year bar will be completed prior to reaching the 7-year limit on refugee benefits. States can also continue to provide benefits once the mandated seven-year federal coverage period for refugees and asylees ends. *See also* Nat'l Immigr. L. Ctr., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in *Guide to Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). *See* state law citations in this chart to identify if this state provides benefits for asylees and refugees beyond the seven-year limitation.

<sup>124</sup> 42 C.F.R. § 435.4(2)(ii), (iv), and (v).

<sup>125</sup> *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(4).

<sup>126</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in *GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS* 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).

<sup>127</sup> 42 U.S.C. §3796gg-4 (The Violence Against Women Act requires that all state and local governments receiving STOP grants incur the full out-of-pocket cost of forensic medical exams for victims of sexual assault); *See*, Michael Carlton, Peter Daub, Jennifer Feldsher, Lindsay Jackson, Daniel Kleinman, Sid Rajagopal, Michael Richman, Joseph Riley, Christine Schleppegrell, and Vasya Strizh, *Coverage for Forensic Costs for Immigrant Crime Victims: Medical Coverage and Services* (August 2, 2024), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/niwap-forensic-exam-coverage/>. *See also*, Rafaela Rodrigues and Leslye E. Orloff, *Health Care Options for Immigrant Survivors Factsheet* (June 20, 2024), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/health-care-options-immigrant-survivors-factsheet/> (Discussing the steps nurses, victim advocates, and attorneys can take to help immigrant sexual assault survivors cover the costs of the health care and mental health care that are not included in the costs that the state covers that are part of the forensic medical examination).

<sup>128</sup> *State-funded Medical Program for Noncitizens*, 22 ME. CODE R. §3174-FFF, <https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec3174-FFF-1.html> (last visited Jan. 11, 2025).

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<sup>129</sup> CENTER FOR MEDICAID AND CHIP SERVICES, MAINE STATE PLAN AMENDMENT ME-23-0025 (January 29, 2024) <https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/ME-23-0025.pdf>.

<sup>130</sup> Off. for Fam. Indep., ME Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs., *MaineCare Eligibility Manual* §§ 1, 3.4.;

Nat'l Immigr. L. Ctr., *Table 8: Medical Assistance Programs for Immigrants in Various States* in *Guide to Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* 122-23, 126-27 (4th ed. table updated Jan. 2024) [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/med-services-for-imms-in-states-Jan\\_2024.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/med-services-for-imms-in-states-Jan_2024.pdf); Off. for Fam. Indep., ME Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs., *MaineCare Eligibility Manual* §§ 1, 3.4.

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<sup>133</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1). Bona fide T visa applicants with HHS certification, trafficking victims under 18 with HHS eligibility determination, and family members with T visa status are eligible for public benefits to the same extent as refugees. NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in *GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS* 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). *See* 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

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<sup>167</sup> Footnotes in this section contain additional details on health care subsidies including co-pays that may be required. They contain further state by state information on health care access for immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence. *See* MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS, LLP *Chapter 17.1: Emergency Medicaid – Urgent Medical Services for Immigrant Crime Victims and Children*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (December 2016), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch17-1-emergencymedicaid/>; *see id.* *Chapter 17.2: Coverage for Forensic Costs for Immigrant Crime Victims: Medical Coverage and Services* (February 12, 2017) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch17-2-forensiccoverageimmvictims/>; *see id.* *Chapter 17.3: Post-Assault Healthcare and Crime Victim Compensation for Immigrant Victims of Violence* (June 13, 2017) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch17-3-postassault-healthcare-compensation/>; *see id.* *Chapter 17.4: Pre-Natal and Child Health Care For Immigrant Victims and Their Children* (February 17, 2017) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch17-4-prenatal-care/>.

<sup>168</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>169</sup> HealthCare.gov, *Immigrants, Coverage for U.S. Citizens and U.S. Nationals* HEALTHCARE.GOV (last visited February 27, 2024) <https://www.healthcare.gov/immigrants/us-citizens-and-nationals/>; NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., "LAWFULLY PRESENT" INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT 5, (2012, rev. 2022) <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lawfully-Present-Individuals-Eligible-Under-ACA-.PDF.pdf>. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

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<sup>173</sup> Off. for Fam. Indep., ME Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs., *MaineCare Eligibility Manual* 10-144 Ch. 332 §§ 1, 3.4

<sup>174</sup> CENTER FOR MEDICAID AND CHIP SERVICES, MAINE STATE PLAN AMENDMENT ME-23-0025 (January 29, 2024) <https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/ME-23-0025.pdf>.

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<sup>176</sup> 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(b)(2)(A); 1613. Federal eligibility for Medicaid for refugees and asylees extends for the first seven years after attaining that status; however, in most states their eligibility can continue past this seven-year limitation, since by seven years they may have become lawful permanent residents with 40 qualifying quarters of work credit and will have satisfied the five-year bar to access to Medicaid. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1612(b)(2)(B). Or, they may be a veteran and/or a member of a veteran's family, for whom the five-year bar and seven-year limit do not apply. *See* 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(b)(2)(C), 1613(b)(2). States can also continue to provide benefits once the mandated seven-year federal coverage period for refugees and asylees ends. *See also* Nat'l Immigr. L. Ctr., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* Guide to Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). *See* state law citations in this chart to identify if this state provides benefits for asylees and refugees beyond the seven-year limitation.

<sup>177</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1). Human trafficking victims with HHS certification or an HHS determination letter are eligible as refugees for 7 years. To continue to receive benefits once 7 years has passed since they received their HHS certification or HHS determination letter, they will need to file for and be granted a T visa. This allows them to continue to qualify for public benefits as qualified immigrants. So long as the trafficking victim files for a T visa soon after receiving HHS certification or determination, they should gain qualified immigrant status and the 5-year bar will be completed prior to reaching the 7-year limit on refugee benefits. States can also continue to provide benefits once the mandated seven-year federal coverage period for refugees and asylees ends. *See also* Nat'l Immigr. L. Ctr., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* Guide to Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). *See* state law citations in this chart to identify if this state provides benefits for asylees and refugees beyond the seven-year limitation.

<sup>178</sup> *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(4).

<sup>179</sup> 42 C.F.R. § 435.4(2)(ii), (iv), and (v).

<sup>180</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).

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<sup>187</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b).

<sup>188</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1). Bona fide T visa applicants with HHS certification, trafficking victims under 18 with HHS eligibility determination, and family members with T visa status are eligible for public benefits to the same extent as refugees. NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

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<sup>200</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg-4 (The Violence Against Women Act requires that all state and local governments receiving STOP grants incur the full out-of-pocket cost of forensic medical exams for victims of sexual assault); See, Michael Carlton, Peter Daub, Jennifer Feldsher, Lindsay Jackson, Daniel Kleinman, Sid Rajagopal, Michael Richman, Joseph Riley, Christine Schleppegrell, and Vasya Strizh, *Coverage for Forensic Costs for Immigrant Crime Victims: Medical Coverage and Services* (August 2, 2024), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/niwap-forensic-exam-coverage/>. See also, Rafaela Rodrigues and Leslye E. Orloff, *Health Care Options for Immigrant Survivors Factsheet* (June 20, 2024), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/health-care-options-immigrant-survivors-factsheet/> (Discussing the steps nurses, victim advocates, and attorneys can take to help immigrant sexual assault survivors cover the costs of the health care and mental health care that are not included in the costs that the state covers that are part of the forensic medical examination).

<sup>201</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

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<sup>222</sup>Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) compensation for crime victims is a program providing services necessary to protect health and safety of crime victims that helps victims heal and overcome the emotional and financial impact of crime victimization on their lives. VOCA compensation is separate from and does not fall within the definitions of “federal public benefit” or “state public benefit” under U.S. public benefits laws and thus is open to all crime victims without regard to immigration status. *See*, Joye E. Frost, Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice, Letter to Cassie T Jones Alabama Crime Victims’ Compensation Commission (July 2, 2010), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ojp-ovc-letter-on-access-to-voca-victim-compensation-7-2-2010>; For an overview of what types of victim compensation are covered by VOCA compensation programs in each state *see*, Leslye Orloff, Katelyn Deibler and Annie Roebuck, *Post-Assault Healthcare and Victims of Crime Act Coverage for Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims* (July 18, 2018),: <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/post-assault-coverage-chart>; and : Sarah Andrews, Vanessa Brown, Aurora de Heer, Joseph Leonard, Ryan Lighty, Katherine O’Keefe, Celia Soehner, William Springer, Josh Sterling, Linda Way-Smith, Beau Yanoshik, Morgan Lewis and Bockius, LLP and NIWAP, *Post-Assault Healthcare and Crime Victim Compensation for Immigrant Victims of Violence – Medical Coverage and Services for Immigrants* (July 13, 2018), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch17-3-postassault-healthcare-compensation> (contains a more detailed discussion of VOCA compensation available in each state with links and citations).

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<sup>224</sup> The Maine Family and Medical Leave Act defines an “employee” as “any person who may be permitted, required or directed by an employer in consideration of direct and indirect gain or profit to engage in any employment but does not include an independent contractor.” *See* ME. REV. STAT. ANN. TIT. 26, § 843(1) ((West 1987)).

<sup>225</sup> The Maine Family and Medical Leave Act does not explicitly exclude individuals based on their immigration status but applies to all “employees” and states that “[e]very employee who has been employed by the same employer for 12 consecutive months is entitled to up to 10 work weeks of family medical leave in any 2 years unless employed at a permanent work site with fewer than 15 employees.” *See* ME. REV. STAT. ANN. TIT. 26, § 843(1) (West 1987); *see also* ME. REV. STAT. ANN. TIT. 26, § 844(1) (West 2007).

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<sup>233</sup> *See generally* OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP’T OF EDUC., FEDERAL STUDENT AID HANDBOOK 2016-2017 (2016),

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- <sup>241</sup> Plyler v. Doe 457 U.S. 202 (1982); U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, STUDENTS, IMMIGRATION STATUS, AND THE RIGHT TO PUBLIC EDUCATION (JUNE 20, 2021) <https://blog.ed.gov/2021/07/students-immigration-status-and-the-right-to-public-education/>.
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- <sup>246</sup> SOC. SECURITY ADMIN., UNDERSTANDING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME SSI ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – 2017 EDITION (2017), <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm> (While the chart shows eligibility to apply for SSI benefits by immigration status, those with qualified immigration statuses must also meet all other eligibility requirements. To obtain SSI benefits individuals must be aged 65 or over, blind, or disabled; and have limited income, limited resources, be a resident of one of the 50 states, DC, or Northern Mariana Islands, and not be absent from the country for a full calendar month, in addition to other requirements.).
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<sup>254</sup> See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b).

<sup>255</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1). T visa holders, bona fide T visa applicants with HHS certification, trafficking victims under 18 with HHS eligibility determination, and family members with T visa status are eligible for public benefits to the same extent as refugees. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(a)(1)-(2); 1613. Federal eligibility for refugees and asylees extends for the first seven years after attaining that status. However, § 1612(b)(2) lists exceptions that independently lift the seven year limit; including, if they have attained LPR status with 40 qualifying quarters, are a veteran, and/or a member of a veteran's family. See § 1641(b)(2)-(3). States can also continue to provide benefits once the mandated seven year federal coverage period for refugees and asylees ends. See state law citations in this chart to identify if this state provides benefits for asylees and refugees beyond the seven year limitation. NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); SOC. SECURITY ADMIN., SPOTLIGHT ON SSI BENEFITS FOR ALIENS (2017), <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-non-citizens.htm>.

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<sup>257</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1612(a)(2)(H).

<sup>258</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(4).

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<sup>259</sup> See *Chapter 332 – Maine.gov*, Part 11, DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERVS. OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144/ch332/144c332-sans-extras.doc> (last visited June 18, 2018). NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 9: State-Funded SSI Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 108* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Sept. 2022), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/tbl9\\_state-ssi\\_2011-03\\_NEdeleted2014-04.pdf.doc](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/tbl9_state-ssi_2011-03_NEdeleted2014-04.pdf.doc).

<sup>260</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b); See NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); SOC. SECURITY ADMIN., SPOTLIGHT ON SSI BENEFITS FOR ALIENS (2017), <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-non-citizens.htm>.

<sup>261</sup> ME REV. STAT. tit # Part 1-A State Supplemental income for blind, disabled and elderly people Chapter 855-C Benefits, Section 3273.9.A. Supplemental security income for legal immigrants. (Includes immigrants ineligible for federal food stamps due to the 1996 welfare reform laws and Persons Residing Under Color of Law PRUCOLs); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 9: State-Funded SSI Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 108* (4th ed. 2002, table updated June 2024), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/tbl9\\_state-ssi\\_2024-06.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/tbl9_state-ssi_2024-06.pdf); See also *Types of benefits*, ME. STAT. tit. 22, § 3273, <http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec3273.html> (last visited Aug. 1, 2018); See also *Chapter 332 – Maine.gov*, Part 11, DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERVS. OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144/ch332/144c332-sans-extras.doc> (last visited June 18, 2018).

<sup>261</sup> See *Chapter 332 – Maine.gov*, Part 11, DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERVS. OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144/ch332/144c332-sans-extras.doc> (last visited June 18, 2018). NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 9: State-Funded SSI Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 108* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Sept. 2022), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/tbl9\\_state-ssi\\_2011-03\\_NEdeleted2014-04.pdf.doc](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/tbl9_state-ssi_2011-03_NEdeleted2014-04.pdf.doc).

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<sup>263</sup> *Noncitizen Eligibility for Federal Public Assistance: Policy Overview*, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE, Alison Siskin, Specialist in Immigration Policy (Dec. 12, 2016) (p. 10, note a), <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33809.pdf>. In 2018, \$5,280 = 4 quarters of work credit. <https://www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/QC.html>.



<sup>264</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); SOC. SECURITY ADMIN., SPOTLIGHT ON SSI BENEFITS FOR ALIENS (2017), <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-non-citizens.htm>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1) (Due to the work requirement, few SIJS children will qualify, although work done by the applicant, parent or spouse counts toward the 40 quarters of work.).

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<sup>265</sup> See *Chapter 332 – Maine.gov*, Part 11, DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERVS. OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144/ch332/144c332-sans-extras.doc> (last visited June 18, 2018). NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 9: State-Funded SSI Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 108* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Sept. 2022/Sept. 2022), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/tbl9\\_state-ssi\\_2011-03\\_NEdelated2014-04.pdf.doc](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/tbl9_state-ssi_2011-03_NEdelated2014-04.pdf.doc).

<sup>266</sup> *Noncitizen Eligibility for Federal Public Assistance: Policy Overview*, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE, Alison Siskin, Specialist in Immigration Policy (Dec. 12, 2016) (p. 10, note a), <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33809.pdf>. In 2018, \$5,280 = 4 quarters of work credit. <https://www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/QC.html>.

<sup>267</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); SOC. SECURITY ADMIN., SPOTLIGHT ON SSI BENEFITS FOR ALIENS (2017), <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-non-citizens.htm>. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612(a)(2)(B) (LPR eligibility for SSI), 1612(a)(2)(E) (prior SSI), 1612(a)(2)(F) (current disability), 1641(b)(1) (LPR qualified immigrant status).

<sup>268</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1612(a)(2)(H).

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<sup>269</sup> See *Chapter 332 – Maine.gov*, Part 11, DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERVS. OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144/ch332/144c332-sans-extras.doc> (last visited June 18, 2018). NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 9: State-Funded SSI Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 108* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Sept. 2022/Sept. 2022), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/tbl9\\_state-ssi\\_2011-03\\_NEdelated2014-04.pdf.doc](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/tbl9_state-ssi_2011-03_NEdelated2014-04.pdf.doc).

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<sup>270</sup> See *Chapter 332 – Maine.gov*, Part 11, DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERVS. OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144/ch332/144c332-sans-extras.doc> (last visited June 18, 2018). NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 9: State-Funded SSI Replacement Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 108* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Sept. 2022/Sept. 2022), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/tbl9\\_state-ssi\\_2011-03\\_NEdelated2014-04.pdf.doc](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/tbl9_state-ssi_2011-03_NEdelated2014-04.pdf.doc).

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<sup>272</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT, ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF DOCUMENTATION AND IDENTIFICATION FOR STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD (SEPTEMBER 5, 2014) 1 (2014), <http://library.niwap.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/Drivers-License-Access.pdf>.

<sup>273</sup> REAL ID Act of 2005, 49 U.S.C. § 30301 Note (2005). See also 6 C.F.R. § 37.11 (g) (2012); Joan Friedland, *Updates on REAL ID and Increased Information Sharing by Departments of Motor Vehicles*, NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., (Jan. 8, 2018), <https://www.nilc.org/news/the-torch/1-04-18/>.

<sup>274</sup> See 6 C.F.R. § 37.11(g)(1) (2012).

<sup>275</sup> See *SAVE CaseCheck*, U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMGR. SERVS., <https://www.uscis.gov/save/casecheck> (last visited July 9, 2018). For special rules and step-by-step instructions for SAVE verification in cases of VAWA self-petitioners, see PIH NOTICE 2017-02 (HA), VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) SELF-PETITIONER VERIFICATION PROCEDURES (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hud-va-wa-self-petitioner-verification-procedures/> and Benish Anver, Alexandra Brown and Leslye E. Orloff, HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING FOR YOUR BATTERED IMMIGRANT OR TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR CLIENT (2017) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pub-asst-housing-advocacy>.

<sup>276</sup> See 6 C.F.R. § 37.11(g)(2) (2012); Cindy Mann, CTR. FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERV., U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., MEDICAID AND CHIP COVERAGE FOR "LAWFULLY RESIDING" CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN 2 (2010), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-gov-hhslawfullyresidingmedicaid-07-01-10-also-in-qualified-immigrants/> (For example, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has identified categories of lawfully present immigrants for purposes of Medicaid and CHIP eligibility. These individuals should be able to access full Real ID compliant driver's licenses without waiting for work authorization. This may be an area for advocacy in individual cases).

<sup>277</sup> See 6 C.F.R. § 37.11(h) (2012); NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., THE REAL ID ACT: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 8-9 (2016), <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/REAL-ID-Act-Q-and-A.pdf>.

<sup>278</sup> See *Obtaining a Drivers License*, DEP'T OF SEC'Y OF STATE, BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/licenses/getlicense.html> (last visited July 11, 2018); See also *Legal Presence Non Citizen*, DEP'T OF SEC'Y OF STATE, BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES, <http://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/licenses/noncitizen.html>; See also *Application*, ME REV. STAT. tit. 29-A, § 1301, <http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/29-A/title29-Asec1301.html> (last visited June 18, 2018).

<sup>279</sup> VAWA self-petitioners receive employment authorization once their case has been approved. Trafficking victims receive legal work authorization based on HHS certification for victims with continued presence and for T visa applicants with bona fide determinations. U visa applicants will receive work authorization after their case has been wait-list approved based on deferred action. Asylum applicants become eligible for work authorization approximately 6 months after filing for asylum. DACA recipients receive work authorization based on deferred action and SIJS children receive work authorization once they are granted lawful permanent residency. Once an immigrant receives legal work authorization from DHS they can apply for and receive a Social Security Number.

<sup>280</sup> *Legal Presence Non Citizen*, DEP'T OF SEC'Y OF STATE, BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES, <http://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/licenses/noncitizen.html>; See also *Application*, ME REV. STAT. tit. 29-A § 1301, <http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/29-A/title29-Asec1301.html> (last visited June 18, 2018).

<sup>281</sup> VAWA self-petitioners receive employment authorization once their case has been approved. Trafficking victims receive legal work authorization based on HHS certification for victims with continued presence and for T visa applicants with bona fide determinations. U visa applicants will receive work authorization after their case has been wait-list approved based on deferred action. Asylum applicants become eligible for work authorization approximately 6 months after filing for asylum. DACA recipients receive work authorization based on deferred action and SIJS children receive work authorization once they are granted lawful permanent residency. Once an immigrant receives legal work authorization from DHS they can apply for and receive a Social Security Number.

<sup>282</sup> *Proof of Identity*, DEP'T OF SEC'Y OF STATE, BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/licenses/identity.html> (last visited July 11, 2018).

<sup>283</sup> U.S. Dep't of Justice, Dep't of Health & Human Servs. & Dep't of Hous. & Human Dev., Joint Letter on Immigrant Access to Shelter and Transitional Housing (Aug. 5, 2016), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/joint-letter-hud-hhs-ad-doj-immigrant-access-shelter-transitional-housing-aug-2016/> (stating that services must be in-kind, available regardless of income, and provided at the community level). See 8 U.S.C. § 1611(b)(1)(D).

<sup>284</sup> CATHERINE LONGVILLE & LESLYE E. ORLOFF, PROGRAMS OPEN TO IMMIGRANT VICTIMS AND TO ALL IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT REGARD TO IMMIGRATION STATUS 1 (2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/programs-open-to-all-immigrants/>; *Three Federal Agencies Issue Joint Letter on Shelters and Transitional Housing*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Aug. 12, 2016), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/joint-agency-letter-shelters-transitional-housing/>.

<sup>285</sup> *Emergency Shelter and Housing Assistance Program 2018 Program Guide*, ME. STATE HOUS. AUTH., <http://www.mainehousing.org/docs/default-source/homeless/eshap/2018-eshap-program-guide-application.pdf> (last visited May 22, 2018); See also *Chapter 19: Homeless Solutions Rule*, ME. STATE HOUS. AUTH., [http://www.mainehousing.org/docs/default-source/msha-rules/19--homeless-solutions-rule.pdf?sfvrsn=b0b1a815\\_4](http://www.mainehousing.org/docs/default-source/msha-rules/19--homeless-solutions-rule.pdf?sfvrsn=b0b1a815_4) (last visited June 18, 2018).

<sup>286</sup> Immigrants including victims who are lawfully residing in the United States or its territories and possessions under section 141 of the Compacts of Free Association between the U.S. and the Governments of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau are eligible for public and assisted housing. HUD PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING, *Eligibility Determination and Denial of Assistance*, Citizenship Status 10 (November 2019) available at: [https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/HCV\\_Guidebook\\_Eligibility\\_Determination\\_and\\_Denial\\_of\\_Assistance.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/HCV_Guidebook_Eligibility_Determination_and_Denial_of_Assistance.pdf) (last visited Aug. 27, 2022) (However in Guam, such immigrants are not entitled to a preference in receiving housing assistance over a U.S. citizen or national resident who is otherwise eligible for such assistance).

<sup>287</sup> See generally *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/) (contains lists of housing programs that are unrestricted and lists of housing programs that various forms of immigration restrictions).

<sup>288</sup> For detailed information about Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding housing eligibility and how to find LIHTC funded units in communities across the country see, VAWA Home: Rights for Survivors in LIHTC <https://www.vawahome.com/> (last visited February 10, 2022).

<sup>289</sup> HUD public and assisted housing refers to HUD assisted housing covered by Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 1436a. See *Housing Act. Section 2.14, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT*, <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/housing-act-sec-214/> (last visited Mar. 9, 2018); DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., PIH NOTICE 2017-02 (HA), VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) SELF-PETITIONER VERIFICATION PROCEDURES (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hud-vawa-self-petitioner-verification-procedures/>; TONYA ROBINSON, ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL, C., U.S. DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/access-public-assisted-housing-vawa-self-petitioners/> MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY JULIAN CASTRO ON ELIGIBILITY OF BATTERED NONCITIZEN SELF-PETITIONERS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 214 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1980 (2016), <http://library.niwap.org/wp-content/uploads/Eligibility-of-VAWA-Self-Petitioners-2016-12-14.pdf>; U.S. DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., HUD HANDBOOK 4350.3: OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSIDIZED MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROGRAMS at Appendix 2-B (2013), <https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/43503HSGH.PDF> (instructions for verifying battered immigrant eligibility for multi-family programs) (referring to the *Interim Guidance on Verification of Citizenship, Qualified Alien Status, and Eligibility* Under Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, 62 FR 61344 at Exhibit B to Attachment 5 (Nov. 17, 1997)). See also 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>290</sup> USDA RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, Interim Rule, *Reinvention of the Sections 514, 515, 516 and 521 Multi-Family Housing Programs*, 69 Fed. Reg. 69032 (Nov. 26, 2004) (to be codified at 7 C.F.R. pt. 1806.1822, 1902, 1925 ("Appendix 2 to the HUD Handbook 4350.3 is incorporated into internal Agency procedures."); USDA RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, Interim Final Rule, *Reinvention of the Sections 514, 515, 516 and 521 Multi-Family Housing Programs*, 70 Fed. Reg. 8503 (Feb. 22, 2005) (to be codified at 7 C.F.R. 3560) (deciding "to delay implementation of the sections listed below in order to harmonize its procedures with HUD under 42 U.S.C. 1436a"); DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., HUD HANDBOOK 4350.3: OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSIDIZED MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROGRAMS at Appendix 2-B (2013), <https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/43503HSGH.PDF> (instructions on verifying battered immigrant eligibility for HUD multi-family programs)

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<sup>291</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485.

<sup>292</sup> *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/) (stating that Section 514/516: Lessee (but not household) must be U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident). See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (including immediate family member).

<sup>293</sup> See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.158(d); USDA MFH ASSET MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK HB 2-3650, § 6.30(D) (stating that a remaining family member who is a co-tenant or member of the household, who has the legal capacity to sign the lease, and is a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant, may remain in the housing after the original tenant has departed); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/); see also 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(c).

<sup>294</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 1436a(a)(1).

<sup>295</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/) ("Section 514/516: Lessee (but not household) must be U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident.").

<sup>296</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>297</sup> 24 C.F.R. § 5.506(a)(1).

<sup>298</sup> See 42 U.S.C. §§ 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (Sections 514 and 516 farm Labor Housing); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (Feb. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/february-22-2017-immigrant-access-federally-assisted-housing> ("Section 514/516: Lessee (but not household) must be U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident.").

<sup>299</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (Feb. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/february-22-2017-immigrant-access-federally-assisted-housing>

<sup>300</sup> See *Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program*, ME STATE HOUS. AUTH., <http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/housing-development/developmentdetails/LIHTC> (last visited June 18, 2018). Maine State Housing Authority allocates the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit. The LIHTC program does not impose immigrant restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants, including VAWA self-petitioners, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. See, DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., PIH NOTICE 2017-02 (HA), VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) SELF-PETITIONER VERIFICATION PROCEDURES (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hud-vawa-self-petitioner-verification-procedures/>.

<sup>301</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2)-(3), (c)(4).

<sup>302</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485.

<sup>303</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a); see also 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2)-(3), (c)(4); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>304</sup> *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/) (stating that Section 514/516: Lessee (but not household) must be U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident). See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (including immediate family member).

<sup>305</sup> See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.158(d); USDA MFH ASSET MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK HB 2-3650, § 6.30(D) (stating that a remaining family member who is a co-tenant or member of the household, who has the legal capacity to sign the lease, and is a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant, may remain in the housing after the original tenant has departed); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/); see also 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2)-(3), (c)(4).

<sup>306</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing).

<sup>307</sup> See *Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program*, ME STATE HOUS. AUTH., <http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/housing-development/developmentdetails/LIHTC> (last visited June 18, 2018). Maine State Housing Authority allocates the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit. The LIHTC program does not impose immigrant restrictions. However, when housing units use federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants, including refugees, asylees and T-visa holders or applicants with a bona fide determination, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. See, NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).



- <sup>308</sup> See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).
- <sup>309</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See also 22 U.S.C. 7105(b); OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>.
- <sup>310</sup> See OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>; 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1)(B) (requirement to expand benefits and services); see also 22 U.S.C. 7105(b); 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (Section 515 Rural Housing); 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a) (Section 521 housing assistance); 42 U.S.C. § 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing). *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).
- <sup>311</sup> See *Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program*, ME STATE HOUS. AUTH., <http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/housing-development/developmentdetails/LIHTC> (last visited June 18, 2018). Maine State Housing Authority allocates the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit. The LIHTC program does not impose immigrant restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants, T visa applicants with a bona fide determination and trafficking victims with continued presence, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See also 22 U.S.C. 7105(b) (2005) (Applicants under 18 require only HHS eligibility determination (not certification).); OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>.
- <sup>312</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).
- <sup>313</sup> May also be eligible for proration in HUD or USDA housing programs, or for federal housing assistance from other unrestricted programs. See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (2012).
- <sup>314</sup> See *Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program*, ME STATE HOUS. AUTH., <http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/housing-development/developmentdetails/LIHTC> (last visited June 18, 2018). Maine State Housing Authority allocates the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit. The LIHTC program does not impose immigrant restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. DACA applicants will only qualify if the housing is LIHTC only or LIHTC is combined with one of the USDA programs listed above.
- <sup>315</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).
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- <sup>317</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).
- <sup>318</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).
- <sup>319</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a) (2011) (Section 521 rental assistance); 42 U.S.C. §§ 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (2010) (Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing); 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011) (Section 515 Rural Rental Housing).
- <sup>320</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1) (2012).
- <sup>321</sup> See *Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program*, ME STATE HOUS. AUTH., <http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/housing-development/developmentdetails/LIHTC> (last visited June 18, 2018). Maine State Housing Authority allocates the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit. The LIHTC program does not impose immigrant restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants including SIJS applicants upon receipt of lawful permanent residency, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. SIJS applicants and recipients prior to receipt of lawful permanent residency will only qualify if the housing is LIHTC only or LIHTC is combined with one of the USDA programs listed above.
- <sup>322</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).
- <sup>323</sup> May also be eligible for proration in HUD or USDA housing programs, or for federal housing assistance from unrestricted programs. See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (2012).
- <sup>324</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).
- <sup>325</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Mar. 2023), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).
- <sup>326</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a) (2011) (Section 521 rental assistance); 42 U.S.C. § 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (2010) (Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing); 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011) (Section 515 Rural Rental Housing).
- <sup>327</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1) (2012).

<sup>328</sup> See *Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program*, ME. STATE HOUS. AUTH., <http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/housing-development/developmentdetails/LIHTC> (last visited June 18, 2018). Maine State Housing Authority allocates the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit. The LIHTC program does not impose immigrant restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants, including U visa wait list approved applicants upon receipt of lawful permanent residency, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. Prior to receipt of lawful permanent residency applicants approved for the U visa wait list will only qualify if the housing is LIHTC only or LIHTC is combined with one of the USDA programs listed above.

<sup>329</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING” (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>330</sup> May also be eligible for proration in HUD or USDA housing programs, or for federal housing assistance from unrestricted programs. See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (2012).

<sup>331</sup> See *Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program*, ME. STATE HOUS. AUTH., <http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/housing-development/developmentdetails/LIHTC> (last visited June 18, 2018). Maine State Housing Authority allocates the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit. The LIHTC program does not impose immigrant restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants, including U visa applicants upon receipt of lawful permanent residency, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. Prior to receipt of lawful permanent residency, U visa applicants will only qualify if the housing is LIHTC only or LIHTC is combined with one of the USDA programs listed above.

<sup>332</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING” (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

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<sup>335</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 24; U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 972, CHILD TAX CREDIT, at 3 (2017).

<sup>336</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 24(f); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 972, CHILD TAX CREDIT, at 2 (2017).

<sup>337</sup> See <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/individual-taxpayer-identification-number> (IRS ITIN Information Page).

<sup>338</sup> 26 U.S.C.A § 21(b); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 503, CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES, at 1, 3 (2017).

<sup>339</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 503, CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES, at 3 (2017).

<sup>340</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 503, CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES, at 2 (2017).

<sup>341</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC) (Last accessed February 27, 2024) <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit/who-qualifies-for-the-earned-income-tax-credit-eitc>.

<sup>342</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 32(c)(1)(D); see also 26 U.S.C. § 6013(g); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 5, 18 (2017); see also U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 4 (2017).

<sup>343</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 4 (2017); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31 (2017).

<sup>344</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31-32 (2017); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 7 (2017).

<sup>345</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 1, 31-32 (2018).

<sup>346</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 32(c)(1)(D); see also 26 U.S.C. § 6013(g); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 5, 18 (2017); see also U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 4 (2017).

<sup>347</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 4 (2017); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31 (2017).

<sup>348</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31-32 (2017); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 7 (2017).

<sup>349</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 1, 31-32 (2018).

<sup>350</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 32(c)(1)(D); see also 26 U.S.C. § 6013(g); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 5, 18 (2017); see also U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 4 (2017).

<sup>351</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 4 (2017); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31 (2017).

<sup>352</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31-32 (2017); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 7 (2017).

<sup>353</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 1, 31-32 (2018).

<sup>354</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 32(c)(1)(D); see also 26 U.S.C. § 6013(g); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 5, 18 (2017); see also U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 4 (2017).

<sup>355</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 4 (2017); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31 (2017).

<sup>356</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31-32 (2017); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 7 (2017).

<sup>357</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 1, 31-32 (2018).

<sup>358</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 32(c)(1)(D); see also 26 U.S.C. § 6013(g); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 5, 18 (2017); see also U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 4 (2017).



<sup>359</sup> U.S. DEP'T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 4 (2017); U.S. DEP'T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31 (2017).

<sup>360</sup> U.S. DEP'T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31-32 (2017); U.S. DEP'T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 7 (2017).

<sup>361</sup> U.S. DEP'T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 1, 31-32 (2018).

<sup>362</sup> 26 U.S.C.A § 32(c)(1)(D) (West 2018); *see also* 26 U.S.C.A § 6013(g) (West 2018).

<sup>363</sup> U.S. DEP'T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 1, 4 (2018).

<sup>364</sup> U.S. DEP'T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 596, EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC), at 4 (2017); U.S. DEP'T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 31 (2017).

<sup>365</sup> U.S. DEP'T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 519, U.S. TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS, at 1, 31-32 (2018).

<sup>366</sup> *See* Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT'L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS'N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/) (describing Legal Services Corporation funded legal services available to immigrant victims of violence and their families).

<sup>367</sup> Battered or subjected to extreme cruelty includes, but is not limited to, being the victim of any act or threatened act of violence, including any forceful detention, which results or threatens to result in physical or mental injury. Psychological or sexual abuse or exploitation, including rape, molestation, incest (if the victim is a minor), or forced prostitution may be considered acts of violence. Other abusive actions may also be acts of violence under certain circumstances, including acts that, in and of themselves, may not initially appear violent but that are a part of an overall pattern of violence. 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(b) (1996). The definition of battering or extreme cruelty is identical to that in the immigration regulations. *See* 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (1996) (victim); 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(ii) (1996) (parent of victim); Leslye E. Orloff, Brittnay Roberts & Stefanie Gitler, *Battering and Extreme Cruelty: Drawing Examples from Civil Protection Order and Family Law Cases*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Sept. 12, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/extreme-cruelty-examples-protection-order/>. *Compare* 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(b) (1997) and 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1)(vi) (2012).

<sup>368</sup> The abuse may have occurred either inside or outside of the U.S. *See* RONALD S. FLAGG, GENERAL COUNSEL & VICE PRESIDENT FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION, PROGRAM LETTER 14-3: ASSESSING ELIGIBILITY OF ALIENS UNDER 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(1) (2014) (interpreting 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)).

<sup>369</sup> 45 C.F.R. 1626.4 (b) (“Related legal assistance means legal assistance directly related” “to the prevention of, or obtaining relief from, the battery [or] cruelty” and “includes representation in matters that will assist a person eligible for assistance under this part to escape from the abusive situation, ameliorate the current effects of the abuse, or protect against future abuse, so long as the recipient can show the necessary connection of the representation to the abuse. Such representation may include Immigr. L. matters and domestic or poverty law matters (such as obtaining civil protective orders, divorce, paternity, child custody, child and spousal support, housing, public benefits, employment, abuse and neglect, juvenile proceedings and contempt actions).”). *See also* Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT'L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS'N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005's New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>370</sup> 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(a).

<sup>371</sup> 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(b).

<sup>372</sup> Upon applying for 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(b) or receiving lawful permanent residency 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(a) victim switch eligibility tracks from anti-abuse (which includes a restriction that the legal assistance be related to the abuse 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4 to immigration related eligibility under for 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5 under which applicants are eligible of any legal assistance offered by the LSC funded agency. *See* Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT'L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS'N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005's New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>373</sup> 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(a)

<sup>374</sup> Legal Servs. Corp., Can LSC Grantees Represent Undocumented Immigrants? <https://www.lsc.gov/our-impact/publications-and-reports/can-lsc-grantees-represent-undocumented> (last visited November February 27, 2024) (LSC funded agencies can represent U.S. Citizens which includes naturalized citizens).

<sup>375</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

<sup>376</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-l-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>377</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>378</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>379</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(c).

<sup>380</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (trafficking victim); 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4 (a)(1)(ii) (parent of trafficking victim); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(k)(2) (A “victim of trafficking” under the anti-abuse regulation is a victim of any conduct included in the definition of “trafficking” under law, including, but not limited to, local, state, and federal law, and T visa holders regardless of certification from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(2)(ii) (stating that to qualify for legal assistance by an LSC funded agency, the trafficking must have occurred in the U.S. or violate U.S. law, 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(1), and the trafficking victim must be present in the U.S. at the time of the application for legal assistance).

<sup>381</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2).

<sup>382</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

<sup>383</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-1-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>384</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>385</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>386</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2)(i)(A) (HHS certified victim); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2)(ii) (seeking certification); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(j) (“Victim of severe forms of trafficking” means any person described at 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1)(C), with the inclusion of those still seeking HHS certification.); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(1) (stating that to qualify for legal assistance by an LSC funded agency, the victim must be present in the U.S. at the time of the application for legal assistance, 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(2)(ii), and the trafficking must have occurred in the U.S. or violated U.S. law).

<sup>387</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2)(i)(B) (visa holder); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2)(ii) (visa applicant); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c) (stating that eligibility for legal assistance under these provisions does not require HHS certification, 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2)(ii), although the trafficking must either have occurred in the U.S. or violated U.S. law).

<sup>388</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

<sup>389</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-1-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>390</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>391</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>392</sup> See 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (crime victim or family member eligible for U visa relief); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(1)(ii) (parent of U visa eligible child); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(h) (definitions); 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U)(i)(I)-(a)(15)(U)(iii) (stating that to qualify for a U visa, the victim must have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of one or more of the following, or any similar activity in violation of Federal, State, or local criminal law: rape; torture; trafficking; incest; domestic violence; sexual assault; abusive sexual contact; prostitution; sexual exploitation; stalking; female genital mutilation; being held hostage; peonage; involuntary servitude; slave trade; kidnapping; abduction; unlawful criminal restraint; false imprisonment; blackmail; extortion; manslaughter; murder; felonious assault; witness tampering; obstruction of justice; perjury; fraud in foreign labor contracting (as defined in section 1351 of title 18); or attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above mentioned crimes); Leslye E. Orloff, Brittnay Roberts & Stefanie Gitler, *Battering and Extreme Cruelty: Drawing Examples from Civil Protection Order and Family Law Cases*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Sept. 12, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/extreme-cruelty-examples-protection-order/> (suggesting the definition of battering or extreme cruelty is identical to that in the immigration regulations). Compare 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(b) and 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1)(vi).

<sup>393</sup> 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (victim); 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(ii) (parent of victim); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(k) (“Victim of sexual assault or trafficking” means a victim of sexual assault subjected to any conduct included in the definition of sexual assault in VAWA, 42 U.S.C. 13925(a)(29), or a victim of trafficking subjected to any conduct included in the definition of “trafficking” under law, including, but not limited to, local, state, and federal law, and T visa holders regardless of certification from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.).

<sup>394</sup> The abuse must either have occurred in the U.S. or violate U.S. law. See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c).

<sup>395</sup> Related legal assistance means legal assistance directly related to the prevention of, or obtaining relief from, the battery or cruelty and includes representation in matters that will assist a person eligible for assistance under this part to escape from the abusive situation, ameliorate the current effects of the abuse, or protect against future abuse, so long as the recipient can show the necessary connection of the representation to the abuse. Such representation may include Immigr. L. matters and domestic or poverty law matters (such as obtaining civil protective orders, divorce, paternity, child custody, child and spousal support, housing, public benefits, employment, abuse and neglect, juvenile proceedings and contempt actions). 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4 (b); see also Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT’L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS’N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/) (describing Legal Services Corporation funded legal services available to immigrant victims of violence and their families); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005’s New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>396</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

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<sup>398</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>399</sup> See, e.g. Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Dep’t of Justice, OVW FY 2017 Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program Solicitation (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

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<sup>402</sup> 45 C.F.R. 1626.4(b) (“Related legal assistance means legal assistance directly related” “to the prevention of, or obtaining relief from, the battery [or] cruelty” and “includes representation in matters that will assist a person eligible for assistance under this part to escape from the abusive situation, ameliorate the current effects of the abuse, or protect against future abuse, so long as the recipient can show the necessary connection of the representation to the abuse. Such representation may include Immigr. L. matters and domestic or poverty law matters (such as obtaining civil protective orders, divorce, paternity, child custody, child and spousal support, housing, public benefits, employment, abuse and neglect, juvenile proceedings and contempt actions).”). See also Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT’L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS’N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/) (describing Legal Services Corporation funded legal services available to immigrant victims of violence and their families); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005’s New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>403</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(a).



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<sup>405</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

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<sup>407</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>408</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

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<sup>414</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

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<sup>424</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

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<sup>427</sup> The abuse must either have occurred in the U.S. or violate U.S. law. See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c).

<sup>428</sup> See also 45 C.F.R. 1626.4(b) (“Related legal assistance means legal assistance directly related to the prevention of, or obtaining relief from, the battery or cruelty and includes representation in matters that will assist a person eligible for assistance under this part to escape from the abusive situation, ameliorate the current effects of the abuse, or protect against future abuse, so long as the recipient can show the necessary connection of the representation to the abuse. Such representation may include Immigr. L. matters and domestic or poverty law matters (such as obtaining civil protective orders, divorce, paternity, child custody, child and spousal support, housing, public benefits, employment, abuse and neglect, juvenile proceedings and contempt actions).”; Benish Anver,



Henrietta Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT'L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS'N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/); Benish Anver, Henrietta Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005's New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrietta Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfunded/>.

<sup>429</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> ("The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.")

<sup>430</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-l-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>431</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>432</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>433</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Low-Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 150, 150-51* (4th ed. 2002, rev. May 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap\\_pp150-51\\_053006.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap_pp150-51_053006.pdf).

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<sup>435</sup> *Low Income Assistance Plan*, ME. STATE HOUS. AUTH., <http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/energy/energydetails/low-income-assistance-plan> (last visited May 22, 2018) (Application is usually completed during LIHEAP application process.).

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<sup>441</sup> *Low Income Assistance Plan*, ME. STATE HOUS. AUTH., <http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/energy/energydetails/low-income-assistance-plan> (last visited May 22, 2018) (Application is usually completed during LIHEAP application process.).

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<sup>472</sup> To be eligible for unemployment insurance, each class of immigrant must have had prior work authorization and had to have been working with the authorization at the time they applied for unemployment. Work authorization must remain valid while they receive unemployment and if work authorization expires, then so does the eligibility for unemployment.

<sup>473</sup> 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(1)(B)(i), or (ii); or 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(2), or (3).

<sup>474</sup> 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(3)

<sup>475</sup> INA § 208(d)(2); 8 C.F.R. § 274a.12(c)(8); 8 C.F.R. §§ 274a.12(a)(5). 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(2).

<sup>476</sup> 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(4).

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