



Maryland Public Benefits Screening Chart for Immigrant Survivors Based on Status

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The purpose of this simplified chart is to provide a tool that victim advocates, attorneys, judges and court staff can use to identify which immigrant survivors and immigrant children qualify for which state or federally funded public benefits, programs and services. This tool was designed to be a first step to identify which immigrant survivors may qualify for which benefits and services. When an immigrant survivor is listed as qualifying or qualifying with conditions on this chart, the second step is to turn to the full public benefits chart NIWAP developed for your jurisdiction where you can look up the details/conditions of what is needed to prove eligibility and what are the sources of law that prove eligibility.

This chart is not an exhaustive list of public benefits available to immigrants in Maryland and but a simplified snapshot of access to certain benefits including cash assistance, healthcare, and housing. This chart is meant to be used in conjunction with NIWAP's [Access to State-Funded Public Benefits in Maryland for Survivors, Based on Immigration Status](http://niwap.wpengine.com/pubs/maryland-benefits), available at: <http://niwap.wpengine.com/pubs/maryland-benefits> that provides detailed information with citations to all of the relevant sources of law, regulations, and policies. This more detailed publication includes citations to materials that you can take with you when you accompany an immigrant victim applying for state or federal public benefits or other forms of assistance. In addition to the benefits and services discussed on this chart below, there is also a wide range of assistance that is available as a matter of law to all immigrants regardless of status.¹ For an interactive map that breaks down available public benefits based on the state and immigration status go here: <http://map.niwap.org/>.

¹ Catherine Longville & Leslye E. Orloff, *Programs Open to Immigrant Victims and All Immigrants Without Regard to Immigration Status*, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (July 23, 2015), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/programs-open-to-all-immigrants>.

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PROGRAM	VAWA Self Petitioner	U VISA APPLICANTS		T VISA (Bona Fide or Continued Presence)	Refugee and Asylee	Undocumented	SIJS	DACA
		Petition Filed	Wait List upon Approval					
CASH & Nutrition ASSISTANCE, and Childcare								
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Eligible with prima facie determination if received SSI on August 22, 1996 or lawfully residing in the U.S. as of that date and is now disabled.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions upon becoming a lawful permanent resident if they arrived <i>before</i> August 22, 1996.	Eligible with conditions if they arrived <i>before</i> August 22, 1996.	Eligible with conditions.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions.	Not eligible.
Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) (Known as TANF federally)	Eligible if they arrived <i>before</i> August 22, 1996. Still eligible, with conditions, if arrived <i>on or after</i> August 22, 1996.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency.	Not eligible.
Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)	Eligible.	Eligible for limited CCDF coverage.	Eligible for limited CCDF coverage. Eligible for full CCDF coverage with conditions once they become a lawful permanent resident.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible for limited CCDF coverage.	Eligible for limited CCDF coverage. Upon lawful permanent residency, eligible for full CCDF with conditions.	Eligible for limited CCDF coverage.
Supplemental Nutrition	Eligible with conditions.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions	Not eligible.

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Assistance Program (SNAP), called the Food Supplement Program (FSP) in Maryland			upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.				upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.	
Child Nutrition Program: • For Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.
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HEALTHCARE								
Medicaid	Eligible for full coverage with conditions.	Not eligible.	Eligible for full coverage with conditions.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Not eligible.	Eligible for full coverage with conditions.	Not eligible.
Emergency Medicaid	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.
Prenatal Care	Eligible.	Not eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Not eligible.	Eligible.	Not eligible.
Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) (Known federally as CHIP)	Eligible with conditions.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Not eligible.	Eligible for full coverage with conditions.	Not eligible.
Health Insurance Exchanges	Eligible.	Not eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Not eligible.	Eligible.	Not eligible.
County Funded Healthcare:	Eligible with economic and	Eligible with economic and	Eligible with economic and	Eligible with economic and	Eligible with economic and	Eligible with economic and	Eligible with economic and	Eligible with economic and

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Care for Kids (Montgomery County)	residency conditions.	residency conditions.	residency conditions.	residency conditions.	residency conditions.	residency conditions.	residency conditions.	residency conditions.
County Funded Healthcare: Kaiser Care for Kids (Prince George's County)	Eligible with economic and residency conditions.	Eligible with economic and residency conditions.	Eligible with economic and residency conditions.	Eligible with economic and residency conditions.	Eligible with economic and residency conditions.	Eligible with economic and residency conditions.	Eligible with economic and residency conditions.	Eligible with economic and residency conditions.
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HOUSING								
Public & Assisted Housing²	Eligible with conditions.	Not eligible for public and assisted housing.	Not eligible until they receive LPR approval.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Not eligible.	Eligible upon receiving LPR status.	Not eligible.
Emergency & Transitional Housing	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.
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EDUCATION								
Federal Education	Eligible.	Not eligible.	Eligible when they obtain lawful permanent residency.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Not Eligible.	Eligible when they obtain lawful permanent residency.	Not eligible.

² Some households, depending on the immigration status of its residents, may qualify for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit; see [Public Benefits in Maryland for Survivors, Based on Immigration Status](#) to determine whether the immigrant or family members may be eligible.

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State Education*	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.
	*At its community colleges, Maryland allows in-state tuition rates and access to institutional aid or scholarships for students who have graduated from a public or nonpublic secondary school in state or have received the equivalent of a high school diploma in the state. Eligibility for resident tuition at community colleges includes individuals who are undocumented as long as the appropriate documentation is provided to the community college.							
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Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	Eligible for WAP. Eligible for LIHEAP with conditions.	Eligible for WAP. Not eligible for LIHEAP.	Eligible for WAP. Eligible with conditions for LIHEAP upon receiving lawful permanent residency.	Applicants and family members are eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible for WAP. Not eligible for LIHEAP.	Eligible for WAP. Eligible for LIHEAP upon receiving lawful permanent residency.	Eligible for WAP. Not eligible for LIHEAP.
Driver's License	Eligible for state driver's license.	Eligible with conditions for state driver's license.	Eligible for state driver's license.	Eligible for state driver's license.	Eligible for state driver's license.	Eligible with conditions for state driver's license.	Eligible for state driver's license.	Eligible with conditions for state driver's license.
Unemployment*	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Not eligible.	Eligible upon receipt work authorization.	Eligible with prior work authorization.	Eligible with prior work authorization.	Not eligible.	Eligible with prior work authorization.	Eligible with prior work authorization.
	*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.							