



Information for Families Receiving and Applying for WIC



The Massachusetts WIC Program is a welcoming place for all families including refugees and immigrants. Pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women and children up to the age of five can qualify for WIC benefits regardless of their citizenship or immigration status.

The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) state foreign born individuals (immigrants and their families) will NOT be considered a 'Public Charge' for receiving WIC benefits and participation will not affect immigration or permanent status.

Benefits NOT Subject to Public Charge Consideration:

- ✓ WIC Nutrition Program
- ✓ SNAP Benefits
- ✓ School Meals
- ✓ Food Assistance Programs
- ✓ Fuel Assistance Programs
- ✓ Housing Benefits
- ✓ Child Care Services
- ✓ Head Start
- ✓ MassHealth Insurance Plans
- ✓ Free or Low-Cost Medical Care at Clinics or Health Centers

For more information, see the 'Public Charge Fact Sheet'
[\(<https://www.uscis.gov/news/fact-sheets/public-charge-fact-sheet>\)](https://www.uscis.gov/news/fact-sheets/public-charge-fact-sheet)

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