

Immigrants and Public Benefits

**-Live Webcast -
Thursday, May 6, 2021
9:30pm - 3:30pm**

This all-day training offers the nuts-and-bolts on how immigration status affects eligibility for public benefits. The trainers include both immigration and public benefits legal experts. This timely training will focus on the March 2021 Biden Administration's action rescinding the Trump Administration's harmful "public charge" rules that have adversely impacted thousands of immigrants in Massachusetts and the nation.

In the morning, you will get an overview of how immigrants obtain legal status, how to read immigration documents in order to understand their legal status, and the recent Biden Administration change in public charge rules. You will also learn from health law experts about MassHealth and other subsidized health care programs available to immigrants and about available COVID-19 testing, treatment and vaccines.

In the afternoon, you will hear from benefits experts about other public benefits potentially available to low-income legal immigrants including: state and federal subsidized housing programs, emergency shelter, cash assistance (TAFDC and EAEDC) and the federal nutrition SNAP programs. The afternoon will also include a plenary session highlighting immigrant eligibility for unemployment, EITC, the American Rescue Plan Child Tax Credits, Economic Stimulus payments, Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) and school meals.

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All others (e.g., private bar) \$125.00

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Tuition for legal services staff, non-lawyer advocates, social, health and community service providers: \$35.00 per person. All Others: \$125 per session. If you are a non-profit or community organization registering online, click on "non-lawyer advocate" which will allow you to pay \$35.00 for the session.

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