



## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

# Department of Homeland Security's "Public Charge" Rule

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Attention HACLA Clients,

On Wednesday, August 14, 2019, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released a final rule regarding "*Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds*." This new rule becomes effective October 15, 2019 and can be found by clicking the "Final Rule" link at [www.uscis.gov/greencard/public-charge](http://www.uscis.gov/greencard/public-charge). The information provided below is not intended to discourage your application or continued participation but only to keep you informed of your rights and options.

The following are key points for interested persons to keep in mind:

- This rule can impact noncitizens who are seeking admission, adjustment of status, or an extension or change of a nonimmigrant status.
- The change made by DHS states that receipt of housing assistance **may** impact a person's ability to become a legal permanent resident of the United States.
- This rule **does not** affect or involve eligibility for admission or continued participation in the Public Housing, Section 8, or Multifamily Housing Programs, and HACLA does not have any role in implementing the DHS "Public Charge" rule.

HACLA is encouraging its clients to do the following:

- Do not panic!
- Contact **reputable** immigration attorneys as needed, such as those listed in the Community Resource Guides provided by the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs ([www.lamayor.org/immigration](http://www.lamayor.org/immigration)).
- Learn more about the Public Charge Rule by accessing the following resources:
  - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services <https://www.uscis.gov/greencard/public-charge>
  - Immigrant Legal Resource Center <https://www.ilrc.org/public-charge>
  - National Immigration Law Center <https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/lets-talk-about-public-charge-pif/>

**The above links are provided for reference purposes only. HACLA encourages its clients to seek professional legal advice for their particular circumstances, as HACLA staff cannot provide legal advice to its clients.**