

## PUBLIC NOTICE



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#### “CHCC Services Not Considered Under USCIS Public Charge Rule”

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) would like to inform the CNMI community that no programs administered by the CHCC are considered by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) under the new public charge rule. This includes the CHCC Sliding Fee Program, which is a locally administered program that does not report data to USCIS.

Although many CHCC programs offer low or no-cost services to anyone, regardless of immigration status, these services are not considered by USCIS to make a person more likely to become primarily dependent on the government for subsistence, and are therefore not a public benefit considered under the public charge rule.

In addition, the rule does not impose barriers on children under the age of 21 years, pregnant women, and postpartum women (60 days after delivery) from accessing Medicaid services, nor does it penalize families if their US-citizen child is accessing benefits.

The CHCC urges all who call the CNMI home to seek out the health services they need.

More information on the USCIS public charge rule can be found here:

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-8-part-g-chapter-10>

For more information about how Medicaid relates to the public charge rule, please contact the CNMI Medicaid Office at (670)664-4880.

For more information about CHCC programs, please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at [www.chcc.gov.mp](http://www.chcc.gov.mp) or call us at (670) 234-8950.

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