



## Policy Snapshot

# Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

### KEY FACTS

- DC Medicaid provides health care to more than one in three District residents, and DC Healthy Families (also known as CHIP) provides coverage to children in families with incomes above the Medicaid limit. The bulk of the budget for both programs comes from federal funds.
- These programs are incredibly effective and critical in covering children in the District.; over two-thirds of all DC children are covered by either Medicaid or DC Healthy Families, which is 98% of all eligible children.
- DC should go one step further by providing children and postpartum parents with 12 months of continuous coverage, even if the family experiences a change in income during the year so they can maintain the improved health outcomes that result from Medicaid enrollment. During the COVID-19 public health crisis the re-enrollment requirement was suspended altogether in the short term, but assuming that does not continue after the public health emergency is over continuous eligibility (with recertification every 12 months) will be important as families continue to struggle with stable employment.
- DC Health Care Finance officials must also continue taking steps to ensure that enrollees that are transitioned from fee-for-service to managed care do not experience any lapses in coverage or services.

## What is Medicaid? What is CHIP?

In 1965, Congress created the Medicaid program to help states offer medical assistance to individuals that meet income, resource, and other eligibility requirements.<sup>1</sup> Today, the District of Columbia Medicaid



program, known simply as DC Medicaid, remains a tremendously important and successful program, covering almost one in three District residents.<sup>2</sup> In large part because of the effectiveness of DC Medicaid, Washington DC has the second lowest percentage of uninsured individuals in the entire country, at approximately 4% of the population.<sup>3</sup>

At its core, Medicaid is a health insurance plan that covers a wide range of medical services and procedures, including<sup>4</sup> inpatient hospital care, doctor visits, emergency services, prescription drugs, home health care, and many others.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was created in 1997 to help ensure that all children had access to health insurance coverage.<sup>5</sup> Similar to Medicaid, CHIP is a joint federal-state program designed to provide coverage to children in families with incomes above the Medicaid limit.<sup>6</sup> In the District of Columbia, the CHIP program is named DC Healthy Families.<sup>7</sup>

DC Medicaid's budget is roughly 3 billion dollars<sup>8</sup>. The CHIP budget is 45.6 million dollars, with the bulk coming from federal funds. See "How do Medicaid and CHIP operate?" for more details.

## Who are DC Medicaid and DC Healthy Families intended to help?

In order to qualify for Medicaid and CHIP, individuals must meet certain financial (income) and non-financial requirements. Because of the impact of historic and current racism, in DC people who meet the income requirements are disproportionately Black and Latinx. According to the most recent Census estimates, the median income for DC's white households is almost four times that of Black households and over twice that of Latinx households (\$215,719 vs \$55,301 and \$85,737), with even bigger gaps for households with children. Given that disparity, Black residents are more than four times and Latinx residents are twice as likely as white residents to live in poverty (25.6 and 12% vs. 5.9%).<sup>9</sup>

Non-financial requirements for Medicaid include being a resident of the District and being a US citizen or meeting a specifically eligible immigration status, such as a lawful permanent resident (i.e., Green Card holder for at least five years).<sup>10</sup> Non-financial requirements used to also include being part of certain populations (e.g. pregnant people, parents with dependent children, people with disabilities). In 2010, however, the District became one of the first jurisdictions to enact Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act to all adults under age 65 meeting income requirements (including adults without children).<sup>11</sup>



The Affordable Care Act also changed the way the District determines Medicaid eligibility by creating an eligibility methodology--Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)--based on tax filing rules around income, family size, and household composition. Most people who apply for Medicaid, including adults without children, parents and caregiver relatives, pregnant parents, and children, use MAGI eligibility. Non-MAGI Medicaid eligibility, which has not changed, is used for seniors<sup>12</sup> and individuals with disabilities.<sup>13</sup>

Medicaid expansion also increased the income threshold for low-income adults to help them qualify for Medicaid.<sup>14</sup> Financial eligibility for DC Medicaid and DC Healthy Families is calculated as a percentage of the Federal Poverty Level. Different age groups and populations are subject to different income limits, described in the addendum below.

The application process for DC Medicaid and DC Healthy Families is similar. Individuals can apply using a [paper application](#)<sup>15</sup> or [online](#).<sup>16</sup> In-person [enrollment centers](#) and a telephone hotline<sup>17</sup> are also available to provide assistance.<sup>18</sup>

## Why Medicaid and DC Healthy Families are important

In addition to the vast array of clinical services that DC Medicaid and Health Families provide, research demonstrates that there are significant longer term health benefits to enrollment. Medicaid expansion, like that in the District, has been shown to decrease mortality rates by up to 6%.<sup>19</sup> For children, access to CHIP and/or Medicaid during childhood has been linked to improved educational attainment, including higher reading test scores and increased rates of high school and college completion; fewer chronic conditions; and less frequent hospitalizations.<sup>20</sup>

In addition to the health benefits, Medicaid has been proven to have positive outcomes on access to preventative care<sup>21</sup> as well as the financial circumstances of adult enrollees, many of whom are parents and heads of households. Access to public health insurance significantly reduces medical debt and plays a significant role in decreasing poverty for many children and families when medical expenses are taken into account in defining the poverty rate.<sup>22</sup> Access to CHIP in childhood is critical for low-income children and appears to have positive long-term effects on both health and economic outcomes in adulthood.



## How do Medicaid and Healthy Families operate?

Medicaid is a joint program between federal and state governments. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services is responsible for establishing the Medicaid requirements at the federal level.<sup>23</sup> In Washington DC, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is responsible for meeting these requirements (as well as creating its own policies) as it administers the Medicaid program.<sup>24</sup>

States have the option of providing CHIP as part of Medicaid expansion or as a separate program. The District of Columbia chose a Medicaid expansion CHIP as opposed to a separate program.<sup>25</sup> Therefore, DC Healthy Families shares many characteristics with Medicaid (e.g. application process and services covered), but is available to working families whose incomes exceed DC Medicaid eligibility.

DC Medicaid (including CHIP) had an annual budget of approximately \$3 billion dollars in 2019, with 94% of this amount going directly to providers that provide medical services.<sup>26</sup> However, because Medicaid is a joint federal-state program, the federal government covers about 70% of the costs in the District, known as the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP).<sup>27</sup> For populations newly eligible under Medicaid Expansion - including children in families whose incomes hadn't previously qualified them for CHIP and able-bodied adults in that income range, the federal government initially paid 100%, with that match gradually decreasing until reaching 90% for adults and 79% for children in 2020 and remaining at that level.<sup>28a</sup> Lastly, while as of this writing Congress has not yet passed legislation to enact this recommendation, in late January the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) recommended that Congress guarantee 12 months of postpartum coverage to pregnant individuals in Medicaid, and to provide a 100% federal matching rate for the extended postpartum period in Medicaid.<sup>28b</sup>

CHIP spending in fiscal year 2019 was \$55.3 million, the vast majority of which was paid for with federal dollars.<sup>29</sup> However, the portion of CHIP costs that the federal government covers dropped to around 90% in fiscal year 2020 and then to 79% in fiscal year 2021, where it will remain.<sup>30</sup> While the matching rate may be decreasing, Congress' Budget includes enough federal dollars to continue funding CHIP through fiscal year 2027, which is important. The reduced matching rate does not necessarily mean reduced federal dollars if enrollment or usage increases.<sup>31</sup>



## Who benefits from DC Medicaid & DC Healthy Families?

DC Medicaid and DC Healthy Families cover more than a quarter of a million people, or almost two in five District residents.<sup>32</sup> Medicaid is also extremely important for workers; more than 60% of adult Medicaid enrollees are actively working.<sup>33</sup>

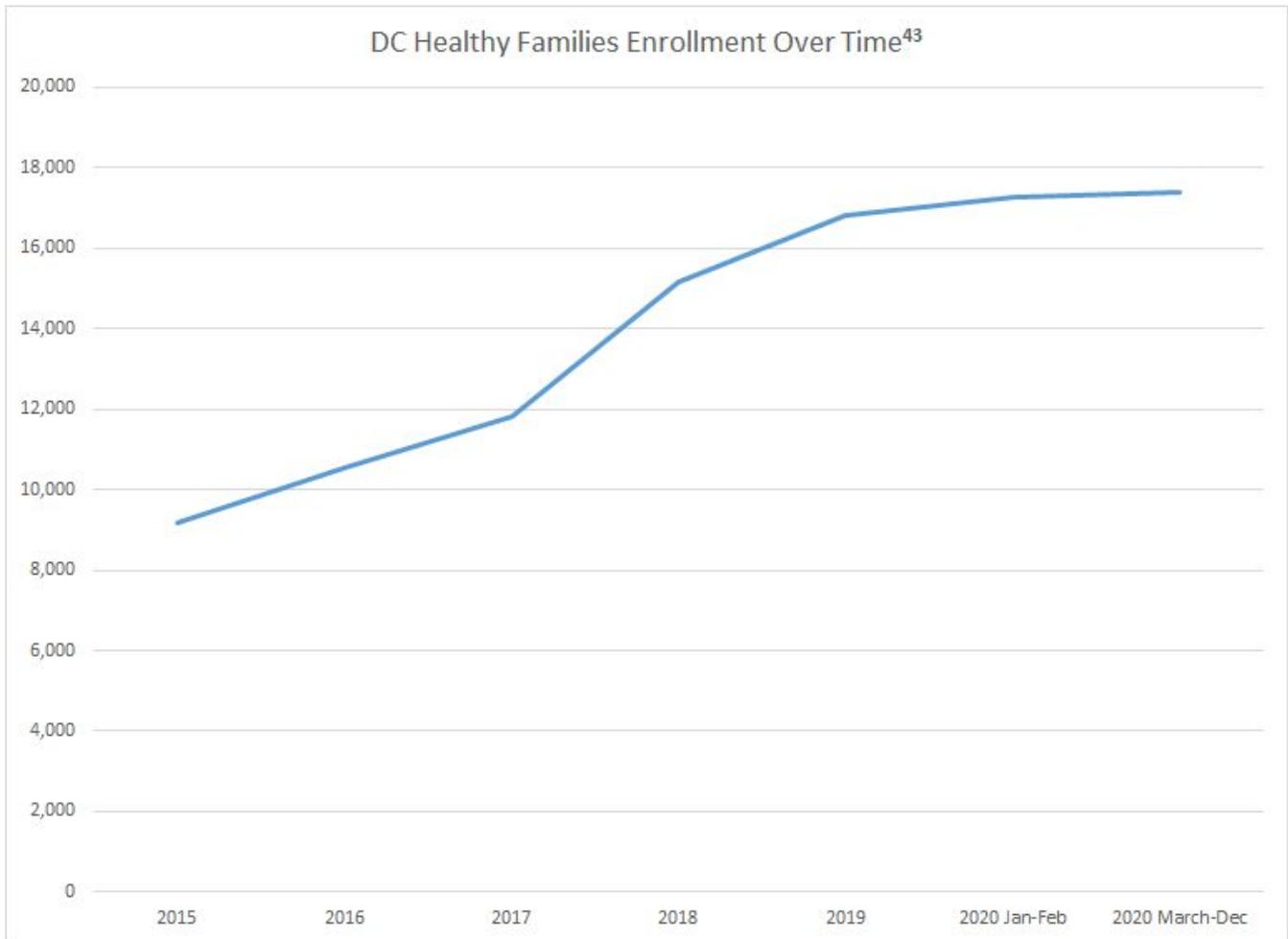
These programs are incredibly effective and critical in covering children in the District; 98% of all eligible children are enrolled – the highest rate in the entire United States. Approximately 7 out of 10 of all children in the District are covered by these programs.<sup>34</sup> By comparison, Medicaid coverage rates for children aged 0-18 in neighboring Maryland and Virginia are only 48% and 43%, respectively.<sup>35</sup>

Because Black children in DC are many times more likely as white children to be living in poverty (31% vs. less than 1%), DC Healthy Families is a vital program for helping children and families of color have access to medical care.<sup>36</sup> Due to the intersection of racism and socioeconomic status, 80% of children enrolled in Medicaid and Healthy Families in DC are Black and 17% are Latinx,<sup>37</sup> providing a powerful opportunity for the city to address racial health disparities. However, there is concern that eligible families in which one or more adults or children are immigrants may stop participating due to the recent “Public Charge” rule (see below).

Importantly, children covered by these programs actually receive valuable care. For example, the high rate of DC Medicaid and Healthy Families coverage lead to greater access to vaccinations and developmental screenings as well as opportunities for older children to access preventive and treatment services.<sup>38</sup> While approximately 90% of children covered by either DC Medicaid or Healthy Families had a primary care physician visit within the past year according to federal reporting, anecdotally usage is far lower than it should be.<sup>39</sup> And, in fact, DC’s internal reporting says only 72% of children enrolled in Medicaid had such a visit.<sup>40</sup> During 2018, Medicaid covered almost 3,200 pregnant parents at the time of birth in the District, totaling 35% of all births in DC. More than 81% were African American parents, who face disproportionately high mortality rates in pregnancy and childbirth.<sup>41</sup>



While DC Medicaid enrollment has remained relatively stable between 2017 and 2019 and rose only slightly even during the pandemic in 2020, DC Healthy Families enrollment has increased each year:<sup>42</sup>



## What can be done to maintain DC Medicaid and DC Healthy Families effectiveness?

### Continuous Eligibility for Children and Postpartum Parents

DC Medicaid and DC Healthy Families are already incredibly beneficial and valuable programs in the District and stand out in their coverage rates as compared to other states. One additional policy option that could further strengthen these programs, especially for children and families, is continuous eligibility. States have the option to provide children with 12 month of continuous coverage through Medicaid and CHIP, even if the family experiences a change in income during the year.<sup>44</sup> Such continuous eligibility has been shown to reduce the rate at which individuals cycle on and off the programs and therefore help enrollees maintain the improved health outcomes that result from Medicaid enrollment.<sup>45</sup>

About half of all states have adopted continuous eligibility for their Medicaid and/or CHIP programs.<sup>46</sup> In order to further maximize the efficiency of these programs, the District of Columbia should join these states and implement continuous eligibility for its DC Medicaid and DC Healthy Families programs. During the covid-19 public health crisis the re-enrollment requirement was suspended suspended altogether in the short term, but assuming that does not continue after the public health emergency is over continuous eligibility (with recertification every 12 months) will be important as families continue to struggle with stable employment.<sup>47a</sup>

DC Council took another helpful step by passing B23-0326, the Postpartum Coverage Expansion Amendment Act of 2019. This legislation says that DC's Medicaid program will apply for a waiver to cover inpatient and outpatient maternity and newborn care for at least one year after childbirth, but the District has not yet funded implementation of this bill, which is estimated to cost \$5.21 million - of which \$1.69 would be local funds - over the FY 2021 through 2024 financial plan.<sup>47b</sup> While hopefully Congress will step up and provide a 100% federal matching rate, unless and until it does so the District should fund this expanded coverage for postpartum parents.

### Prevent Lapses in Coverage in Transition to Managed Care

Many states are moving toward managed care, where providers are reimbursed for value as opposed to volume of care, in order to improve care coordination. In order to maintain and increase their



effectiveness, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announced in September of 2019 that it will be transitioning its Medicaid system toward a managed care model over the next five years.<sup>48</sup> In this model, providers receive a set payment for each enrollee, typically on a per month basis, whether or not that person seeks care. Managed care represents a departure from what is known as fee for service: a delivery system in which providers receive a certain dollar amount per procedure or service, which many argue incentivizes providers to offer unnecessary (and costly) services and procedures.<sup>49</sup> In managed care, the hope is that providers focus on services and procedures that lead to positive health outcomes.

In the District of Columbia, this means that approximately 50,000 enrollees have started moving from fee-for-service to managed care. While fee-for-service enrollees represented about one-fourth of the Medicaid population, about 61% of all Medicaid costs were incurred by the fee-for-service population.<sup>50</sup>

While this move to managed care may ultimately result in decreased Medicaid costs and higher quality care, DC Health Care Finance officials must take steps to ensure that enrollees that are transitioned from fee-for-service to managed care do not experience any lapses in coverage or services. Based on a similar transition elsewhere, special attention should be given to enrollees with mental illness, who are frequently not given the proper support to successfully navigate the transition.<sup>51</sup> DHCF should ensure that care coordinators are available to all DC Medicaid and Healthy Families enrollees that transition from fee-for-service to managed care. This is especially important currently because Managed Care Organizations are not required to pay for out-of-network providers after December 31, 2020.<sup>52</sup>

In addition, the District must also review Medicaid and CHIP application language to make sure that the language does not deter eligible families from applying. With the lingering chilling effect of the Trump administration's expansion of the public charge rule,<sup>53a</sup> even with the Biden administration reversing that expansion immigrant families may be less likely to apply for benefits even for their children, who may be citizens and eligible. DHCF must be aware of this concern and make sure to provide clear and consistent information around eligibility rules for the program so as to not deter, but to provide families with accurate information with which to make a decision.

Overall, DC Medicaid and Healthy Families are two vital programs in the District that are providing coverage and critical services to low-income children and their families.



## Maximize Federal Flexibility to Help Children and Families Get Health Services

During the pandemic, the District wisely took advantage of increased federal flexibility to provide tele-health services, and some providers found that this policy reduced barriers to historically underserved populations accessing care - particularly mental health care. By allowing tele-health to be reimbursable after the public health emergency to the full extent allowed by federal policy, the District can continue this benefit.

Another area of federal flexibility is in what school health services can be reimbursed under Medicaid. While previously this had been restricted to health services for students with disabilities, in 2014 the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released guidance clarifying that states may determine whether they allow schools to be reimbursed for services that would otherwise be available without charge. However, the District's state Medicaid plan still restricts Medicaid reimbursement for school-based health to services called for in a student's IEP. Changing that (and possibly specifying different licensure requirements for providers in the plan so school social workers, etc. are covered) could potentially allow the District to get federal reimbursement for physical and mental health supports provided for students more broadly (not just students with disabilities). Because Medicaid doesn't provide 100% reimbursement, estimating the specific budgetary impact requires extremely detailed information about current funding streams. But a study of the budget impact of such a change could be a worthwhile first step to understanding if this is a way to get more resources for the District's students.



## Addendum

### 1. DC Medicaid

Income Eligibility for Medicaid as a Percent of the Federal Poverty Level <sup>54</sup>	
Population	Upper Upper Limit
Parents and Caretaker Relatives	216% <sup>55</sup>
Pregnant Women	319% <sup>56</sup>
Adults without children	210% <sup>57</sup>
Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities <sup>58</sup>	100% <sup>59</sup>

### 2. DC Healthy Families

Income Eligibility for CHIP-Funded Coverage as a Percent of the Federal Poverty Level <sup>60</sup>		
Age Range	Lower Lower Limit	Upper Upper Limit
Infants (ages 0-1)	206%	324%
Ages 1-5	146%	324%
Ages 6-18	112%	324%



## Endnotes

1. See The Social Security Amendments of 1965, Pub.L. 89-97, 79 Stat. 286. Available at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-79/pdf/STATUTE-79-Pg286.pdf#page=1>
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3. <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/nonelderly-0-64>
4. <https://dc.gov/service/medicaid>
5. <https://www.macpac.gov/subtopic/history-and-impact-of-chip/>
6. <https://www.macpac.gov/topics/chip/>
7. <https://dhcf.dc.gov/service/dc-healthy-families>
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<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/8782-median-family-income-among-households-with-children-by-race-and-ethnicity?loc=10&loct=3#detailed/3/any/false/37,871,870,573,869,36,133,35,16/4038,4040,4039,2638,2597,4758,1353/17618;> and  
<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/9765-poverty-by-race-ethnicity?loc=10&loct=3#detailed/3/any/false/37,871,870/2159,3498,2161,2157,3306,3307,3499,2160/19034,19033>
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15. [https://dchealthlink.com/sites/default/files/v2/forms/DC\\_Health\\_Link\\_Application\\_for\\_Help\\_Paying\\_for\\_Health\\_Coverage\\_Short\\_201509.pdf](https://dchealthlink.com/sites/default/files/v2/forms/DC_Health_Link_Application_for_Help_Paying_for_Health_Coverage_Short_201509.pdf)
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17. 1-855-532-5465
18. <https://dchealthlink.com/enrollmentcenters>
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<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5034870/>
23. <https://www.macpac.gov/medicaid-101/administration/>
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25. <https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/EXHIBIT-33.-CHIP-Spending-by-State-FY-2018-millions.pdf>
26. [https://dhcf.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcf/page\\_content/attachments/MCAC%20Reform%20Final\\_0.pdf](https://dhcf.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcf/page_content/attachments/MCAC%20Reform%20Final_0.pdf)
27. <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/federal-matching-rate-and-multiplier/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22collid%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>
- 28a. The Medicaid FMAP is different from the e-FMAP (enhanced fmap) for CHIP. So the e-FMAP is going down to 79% and the regular Medicaid FMAP is going down to 90%, based on <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/enhanced-federal-matching-rate-chip/?activeTab=graph&currentTimeframe=0&startTimeframe=18&selectedRows=%7B%22states%22:%7B%22district-of-columbia%22:%7B%7D%7D%7D&sortModel=%7B%22collid%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D> and <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/understanding-how-states-access-the-aca-enhanced-medicaid-match-rates/>.
- 28b. <https://twitter.com/macpacgov/status/1355203687120072712>
29. <https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/EXHIBIT-33.-CHIP-Spending-by-State-FY-2019-millions.pdf>
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31. <https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2018/02/09/bipartisan-budget-act-includes-several-health-care-provisions/>
32. [https://dhcf.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcf/page\\_content/attachments/Medicaid%20Director%27s%20MCAC%20Report%2012.16.20%20.pdf](https://dhcf.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcf/page_content/attachments/Medicaid%20Director%27s%20MCAC%20Report%2012.16.20%20.pdf). The exact number in October 2020 was 269,492 out of an estimated 705,749 DC residents (population based on American Community Survey 1-year estimates for 2019).
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43. Monthly averages over the calendar year <https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/monthly-medicaid-and-alliance-enrollment-reports>. 2020 data are split into pre- vs. post-COVID pandemic periods to show the shift (or lack thereof) due to the public health emergency.

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45. <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/full/10.1377/hlthaff.2013.0362>

46. <https://healthdata.gov/dataset/continuous-eligibility-medicaid-and-chip-coverage>

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53a. Historically, the “public charge” inadmissibility test was designed to identify people who may depend on the government as their primary source of support. If the government determines that a person is “likely at any time to become a public charge” in the future, it can deny a person admission to the U.S. or lawful permanent residence (or “green card” status). ([Immigration and Naturalization Act section 212\(a\)\(4\)](#), 8 USC 1182(a)(4)) Revised public charge regulations published by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. State Department that went into effect on February 24, 2020, redefine a “public charge” as a non-citizen who receives or is likely to receive one or more of the specified public benefits for more than 12 months in the aggregate within any 36-month period (such that, for instance, receipt of two benefits in one month counts as two months). The benefits considered are cash assistance for income maintenance from any level of government, SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), public housing, Section 8 housing assistance, and Medicaid (with exceptions for persons under age 21, women during pregnancy and for 60 days after the pregnancy ends and emergency services). This is much broader than the original test for public charge. For more information see: <https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/analysis-research>. On Feb. 2, 2021 the Biden administration reversed this broadening, however many families may still be still confused or afraid.

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54. Includes 5% disregard

55. <https://dhcf.dc.gov/node/892382>

56. <https://www.dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/SectionList.aspx?SectionNumber=29-9506>

57. <https://dhcf.dc.gov/node/892172>

58. This group, also known as the Non-MAGI based group, is subject to a resource limit of \$4,000 for a single person and \$6,000 for a couple. However, the value of a home, a car, home furnishing, clothing and jewelry are not counted towards this resource limit.

<https://dhcf.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcf/publication/attachments/DC%20Non-MAGI%20Verification%20Plan%20%281%29.pdf>; <https://www.dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/SectionList.aspx?SectionNumber=29-9513>

59. <https://dhcf.dc.gov/node/892152>

60. Including 5% disregard. Data as of January 2020

<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/fact-sheet/where-are-states-today-medicaid-and-chip>