**Advisory**

**Updated February 4, 2020:**

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled the Trump Administration may enforce the final “public charge” rule while the legal challenges against it continue. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will implement the new rule on February 24, 2020.

Applications for adjustments of status, extensions of stay, or permanent residency (“green card”) postmarked on or after February 24th will be reviewed under the new rule. Public benefits applied for or received on or after February 24th may be considered by U.S. officials when determining whether an individual is eligible for adjustment of status, extension of stay, or permanent residency.

* Public charge does not apply to all immigrants. Every family is different and people should make the right choice for them and their families, based on their specific situation.
* Many public benefits are not part of the new rule. Families should feel comfortable continuing to use benefits they are eligible for that are not implicated under the new rule.

It is important to note that this matter is not final. Courts are still reviewing the legality of the final rule, and additional updates are possible in the months ahead.