

**APPLICANT IS INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC BENEFITS  
BASED ON IMMIGRATION STATUS  
(Adult Ages 19+)**

I am currently not a “qualified” immigrant (as defined in 8 USC §1641) and therefore under 8 USC §1611 I am not eligible for federal public benefits, including: Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Federal Medicaid.

After I become a lawful permanent resident, I will be ineligible for the federal programs listed above for a minimum of 5 years, as provided in 8 USC §§1612 and 1613. Once the 5 years has run, I will likely still be ineligible since my sponsor’s income will be added to mine in determining financial eligibility for these programs. I would not be financially eligible for these programs until I have either earned or been credited with 40 qualifying quarters of work in the United States or become a US citizen.

<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Current Status: “Not Qualified” Immigrant</b>	<b>Future Status: Lawful Permanent Resident, “Qualified Immigrant”</b>
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Ineligible <sup>1</sup>	Eligible only with credit for 40 quarters of work (but must wait until lawful permanent resident for 5 years before applying) <sup>2</sup>
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Ineligible <sup>3</sup>	Eligible only after lawful permanent resident for 5 years <sup>4</sup>
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Ineligible <sup>5</sup>	Eligible only after lawful permanent resident for 5 years <sup>6</sup>
Full-Scope Medicaid	Ineligible <sup>7</sup>	Eligible only after lawful permanent resident for 5 years <sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 8 USC § 1611.

<sup>2</sup> 8 USC §§ 1612 and 1613, Social Security Administration, SSI for Non-Citizens, Publication No. 05-11051, [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11051.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11051.pdf), Social Security Administration, Program Operations Manual System, [secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lnx/0500502135](http://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lnx/0500502135).

<sup>3</sup> 8 USC § 1611.

<sup>4</sup> 8 USC §§ 1612 and 1613.

<sup>5</sup> 8 USC § 1611.

<sup>6</sup> 8 USC §§ 1612 and 1613.

<sup>7</sup> 8 USC § 1611.

<sup>8</sup> 8 USC §§ 1612 and 1613.