



Questions to Ask when Assessing Public Benefits Eligibility for Non-Citizens*

1. What is the current immigration status of the individual (or household members) who would like to apply for public benefits?
2. How many years/months have he/she had that status?
3. Are there any agencies that he/she is currently working with around immigration or public benefits?

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Undocumented Immigrants:

- Parents can apply for public benefits on behalf of their U.S citizen or Legal Permanent Resident status children without any risk.
- Always advise applicants **not to use false documents** when applying for any type of benefit.
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- Contact the CRC (x6-8182) for case consultation, or see www.mghsocialwork.org > Staff Access > Immigrants (resources, services for) for more information.