

Asylees are eligible for public assistance benefits and social services starting on the date their asylum application is approved.

Proposed public charge changes do NOT impact Asylees.



Public Assistance Benefits for Asylees in California



REFUGEE PROGRAMS BUREAU

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Eligibility

You may be eligible for benefits if you have received final approval of your asylum application from:

- The U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Asylum Office;
- An Immigration Judge; or
- The Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)

To show eligibility for benefits, you will need one of the following:

- I-94 Card stamped with “Asylum Approved”
- Approval letter from the USCIS Asylum Office, or
- A court order granting asylum

Benefits

SOCIAL SERVICES

- **Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)**
- **Refugee Employment Services** (e.g. job preparation, job placement, English language classes)
- **CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and other Social Services**



HEALTH SERVICES

www.cdph.ca.gov/RefugeeHealth

Refugee Medical Assistance

- Health assessments and physical examinations performed by a Licensed Health Care Provider
- Interpreters and culturally sensitive staff are provided
- Immunizations that will assist in obtaining lawful permanent resident status (green card)



Time Limit

Asylees may be eligible for:

- RCA for up to 8 months;
- CalWORKs for up to 48 months; and
- Refugee Employment Services for up to 60 months

For more information, contact your local county welfare office or to apply online, please visit:

www.benefitscal.org

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For help with your immigration case locate an immigration service provider at:

www.cdss.ca.gov/ImmigrationContractors

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Additional resources may be found at:

www.ImmigrantGuide.ca.gov