QUICK GUIDE: Immigrant Eligibility for Public Benefits in North Carolina

PROGRAM	Lawful Permanent Residents			Refugee, Asylee, Victim of Trafficking, Cuban/ Haitian entrant, Afghan/ Iraqi SIV	Other lawfully residing individual (U visa, work visa, student visa, TPS, applicant for asylum, SIJS, etc)	Undocumented Immigrant or DACA recipient
	LPR Adult	LPR Child	LPR Pregnant			
	If entered the U.S. on or after August 22, 1996					
ACA Marketplace Coverage (Obamacare)	**Eligible**	**Eligible**	**Eligible**	**Eligible**	**Eligible**	**Not Eligible**
Food Stamps (SNAP)	**Not Eligible** until after 5-year waiting period *or* have credit for 40 quarters of work *or* blind or disabled	**Eligible** under 18	Same as adult/ child eligibility, depending on age	**Eligible**	**Not Eligible** (exception: approved VAWA petition treated like LPR)	**Not Eligible**
Medicaid	**Not eligible** until after 5-year waiting period	**Eligible** under 19	**Eligible**	**Eligible**	**Eligible** (under 19 and pregnant women only)	Eligible only for Emergency Medicaid
NC Health Choice (CHIP)	N/A	**Eligible** under 19	N/A	**Eligible**	**Eligible** (under 19 only)	**Not Eligible**
Work First (TANF)	**Not eligible** until after 5-year waiting period			**Eligible**	**Not Eligible** (exception: approved VAWA petition treated like LPR)	**Not Eligible**
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	**Not eligible** until after 5-year waiting period *and* have credit for 40 quarters of work *or* meet another exception			**Only eligible** during first 7 years after status is granted	**Not Eligible** (click here for battered immigrant exception)	**Not Eligible**
Social Security Retirement/ Survivor/ Disability (RSDI)	**Eligible**	**Eligible**	**Eligible**	**Eligible**	**Eligible**	**Not eligible**