

Eligibilities for Asylum Seekers and Asylees

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BENEFIT	ARE ASYLUM SEEKERS ELIGIBLE?	ARE ASYLEES ELIGIBLE?
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	No	Yes
SNAP (food stamps)	No	Yes
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No	Yes
Means-Tested Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance (RCA & RMA)	No	Yes
R&P Refugee Core Services	No	Yes
Matching Grant + Preferred Communities	No	Yes
Medical Screenings	Yes	Yes
Work Permit	Can be applied for 150 days after Asylum application was received by the government.	Yes
Medicaid	Once application has been received an Asylum Seeker is eligible for Permanent Residence Under Color of Law, or PRUCOL. This is a public benefit eligibility status that allows Asylum Seeker to be eligible for full Medicaid coverage.	Yes

*Benefits described in "Asylee Eligibility for Resettlement Assistance," a guide by the Catholic Legal Immigration Network

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