

HIV, Immigrants, and the Law: Useful Documents and Organizations

Organizations and Publications:

National Immigration Law Center <http://www.nilc.org>

Guide to Immigrant Eligibility for Public Benefits (2004 ed, with updates to particular sections as current as 2011)

<http://nilc.org/pubs/orderfrm.htm>

“Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs” Table (rev. 10/11)

http://nilc.org/pubs/guideupdates/tbl1_ovrvw-fed-pgms-rev-2011-10.pdf

“Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs”

<http://nilc.org/immspbs/special/overview-immeligfedprograms-2010-07.pdf>

(Summary updated 4/10)

“Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Refugees, Asylees, and Other Humanitarian Immigrants: THE CRISIS, THE ISSUE, THE PEOPLE AFFECTED, THE NEED FOR ACTION”

<http://nilc.org/immspbs/ssi/ssi-for-refugees-asylees-2011-10.pdf>

“Deportation without Due Process” (Sept 2011 Report)

<http://www.nilc.org/immlawpolicy/arrestdet/Deportation-Without-Due-Process-2011-09.pdf>

California

“Major Benefit Programs Available to Immigrants in California” (10/11)

<http://nilc.org/ce/nilc/cal-benefits-table-2011-10.pdf>

“Cash Assistance for Immigrants” (California) (5/11)

<http://nilc.org/ce/nonnilc/capi-qa-2011-05.pdf>

“FEDERAL GUIDANCE ON PUBLIC CHARGE: When Is it Safe to Use Public Benefits?” (Calif. Edition)

<http://nilc.org/ce/nonnilc/public-charge-ca-2009-05-01.pdf>

The Center for HIV Law & Policy

<http://www.hivlawandpolicy.org/resourceCategories/view/15>

“Know Your Rights”

<http://www.hivlawandpolicy.org/resources/view/483>: This is a very good, 2-page FAQ for immigrants with HIV. Published Jan 2010, following the change in federal immigration policy.

“Chronic Indifference: HIV/AIDS Services for Immigrants Detained by the United States” Human Rights Watch, 12/07

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

<http://www.ilrc.org/>

“Know Your Rights”

<http://www.ilrc.org/for-immigrants-para-inmigrantes/know-your-rights>

Other Publications:

HIV/AIDS and Immigrants: A manual for service providers (2004 ed.)

http://www.law.duke.edu/aidsproject/400_01/HIV_Immigration.pdf

Much of this document is current and quite useful. Section Two: “Understanding the Impact of HIV on Immigration Status” needs the most updating and does not reflect the January 2010 change allowing people with HIV to immigrate to the U.S.

Part Four: “Understanding Your Client’s Eligibility for Public Benefits” is a helpful overview of federal programs from Social Security to Food Stamps. It may be difficult for most lay people to access but could be taken to a case manager as background and for discussion.

<http://www.ilrc.org/publications>

For more than 30 years, the ILRC has been publishing expert reference manuals on immigration law for both new and experienced practitioners. ILRC offers uniquely practical handbooks for immigration attorneys, paralegals and community based advocates.

