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<p>Page 7-8, General Instructions</p>	<p>[Page 7]</p> <p>8. Part 8. General Eligibility and Inadmissibility Grounds. Select the answer you think is correct. If you answer “Yes” to any questions (or if you answer “No,” but are unsure of your answer), provide an explanation of the events and circumstances in the space provided in Part 14. Additional Information.</p> <p>In Part 8., Item Numbers 61. and 62., you must include all public benefits that are cash assistance for income maintenance that you have received or believe that you are likely to receive from the U.S. Government or a U.S. state or local government. Examples include public cash assistance from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, or state or local cash assistance programs for income maintenance. A one-time cash payment, such as for an emergency need, is not cash assistance for income maintenance. You must also include whether you are, or believe you are likely to be, institutionalized for long-term care at government expense.</p>	<p>[Page 7]</p> <p>[No change]</p> <p>If you answer “Yes” to Part 8., Item Numbers 61. and 62., attach evidence of any public assistance you received, or are likely to receive while in the United States. For more information on the receipt of public benefits and its impact on public charge determinations, please see www.uscis.gov.</p>

	<p>[Page 8]</p> <p>If you are not sure whether the public benefits you have received from the government are cash assistance for income maintenance, you may select “yes” and USCIS will determine whether it may be considered. Receiving public benefits that are cash assistance for income maintenance or being institutionalized for long-term care at government expense does not necessarily make you ineligible for adjustment of status. USCIS will look at all relevant factors to determine whether you are likely to become a public charge. If someone else in your household receives these benefits, but you are not a recipient yourself, answer “No.” For example, if you are an authorized representative or receive the benefits on behalf of another person (such as a child or a person with a disability), and therefore do not receive the benefits on behalf of yourself, answer “No.”</p> <p>Several categories of individuals who seek adjustment may not be subject to public charge inadmissibility. If you are seeking adjustment under a provision that makes you exempt from public charge inadmissibility, your answers to these items will not lead to denial of your case on public charge grounds.</p> <p>Please visit www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-processes-and-procedures/public-charge and www.uscis.gov/news/fact-sheets/public-charge-fact-sheet for information about:</p> <p>A. Which public benefits qualify as “cash assistance for income maintenance”; and</p> <p>B. The categories of adjustment applicants to whom the public charge ground of inadmissibility does not apply.</p>	<p>[Deleted]</p>
<p>Page 12, What Evidence Must You Submit with Form I-485?</p>	<p>[Page 12]</p> <p>9. Evidence of Financial Support</p> <p>In general, you must demonstrate that you are not likely to become a public charge.</p>	<p>[Page 12]</p> <p>[No change]</p>

	<p>This means you must show that you will be able to financially support yourself as a lawful permanent resident living indefinitely in the United States. Generally, all immediate relative and family-based adjustment applicants (beneficiaries of Form I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e), and Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative) must have a Form I-864. Some employment-based applicants must also have a Form I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the Act (whether they are beneficiaries of a Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, or a Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant, if filed in relation to certain employment-based immigrant visa classifications). See the Instructions for Form I-864 to determine when Form I-864 is required and whether an exemption may be available. If you are exempt from the Affidavit of Support requirement, you may need to file Form I-864W, Intending Immigrant’s Affidavit of Support Exemption.</p> <p>For more information about Form I-864 requirements, visit www.uscis.gov/i-864. For more information about the Form I-864W, visit www.uscis.gov/i-864w. For more information on how receiving public benefits may impact how USCIS determines if you are likely to become a public charge, visit www.uscis.gov/news/fact-sheets/public-charge-fact-sheet and www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-processes-and-procedures/public-charge.</p>	<p>For more information about Form I-864 requirements, visit www.uscis.gov/i-864. For more information about the Form I-864W, visit www.uscis.gov/i-864w. For more information on how receiving public benefits may impact how USCIS determines if you are likely to become a public charge, visit www.uscis.gov.</p>
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