



# Immigration Updates

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# What is Public Charge?

- Certain individuals cannot be admitted to the US if they are determined to become a public charge
- Mostly applies to people seeking green cards through a Family-Based petition

# Public Charge – Current Definition

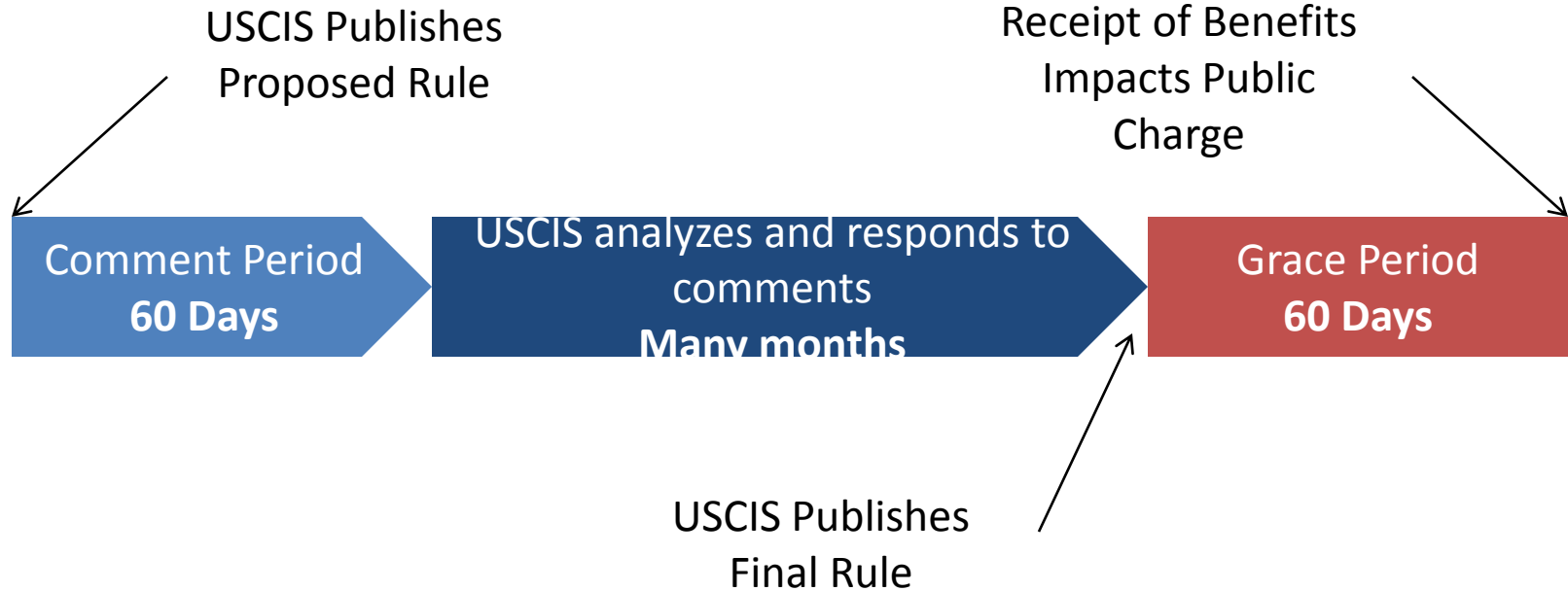
An individual who is likely to become **primarily dependent** on the government for subsistence, as demonstrated by either the receipt of

- (1) Public cash assistance for income maintenance, or
- (2) Institutionalization for long-term care at government expense

# Proposed Changes

- Expand “public charge” to include any benefits for which eligibility is determined by income, resources, or financial need.
- Develop standards for determining deportability due to being a “public charge”

# Process and Timeline



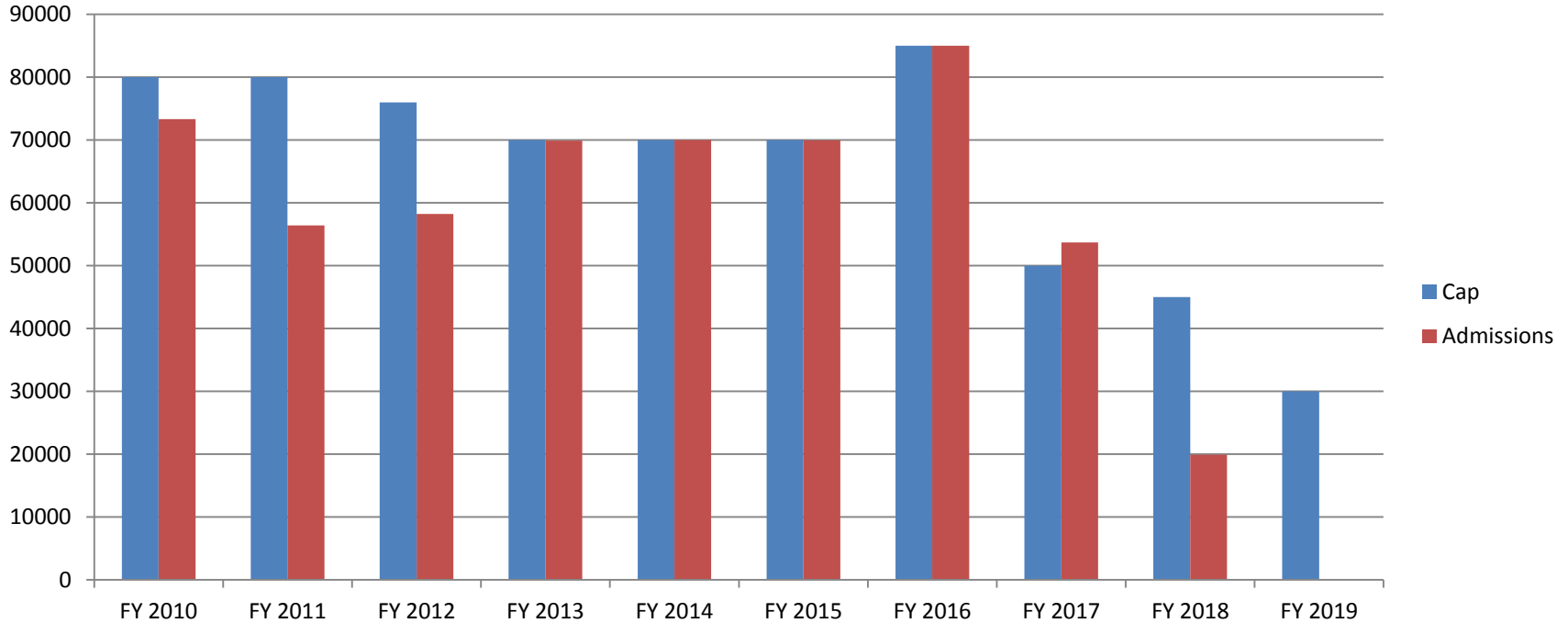
# Request for Evidence (RFE)

- Used when USCIS needs more information to adjudicate an application
- New policy allows officers to reject applications rather than issue an RFE

# Notice to Appear (NTA)

- Anyone who is inadmissible
- Anyone who is deportable
- Anytime the denial of an application leaves someone without status

# Refugee Caps vs Admissions



Federal Fiscal Year = Oct 1 – Sep 30





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