

## PUBLIC CHARGE RESOURCE SHEET

### Public Charge 101:

- Public Charge is a term used by immigration officials to refer to people who rely on government assistance to primarily support their cost of day-to-day living. Currently, officials look at a variety of factors in deciding whether or not a person is likely to become a public charge; the only public benefits considered **currently** are cash assistance programs (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, long-term nursing home care paid for by the government, etc.)
- The [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM) was posted on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The comment period is open until December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The proposed regulation will weigh certain factors more heavily and will add additional benefits to the list such as: non-emergency Medi-Cal, Medicare Part D Low-income Subsidy, CalFresh, and Section 8 housing vouchers. Additional information on the proposed regulation can be found in the links below.
- It is important for people to know that as of now, NOTHING HAS CHANGED. IF anything *does* change, anyone affected by the rule change will have 60 days after the rules are finalized (after this initial comment period) to disenroll from any programs that would impact their immigration status. No one should drop their benefits or choose against enrolling in benefits because of the proposed rule change.
- Advocates should fight the proposed public charge rule because this is a cruel attack on immigrant communities. If implemented, the rule would dismantle family-based immigration and undo longstanding policies. The proposed rule threatens to deny immigrant families the opportunity to obtain a green card or enter the U.S. if they participate in benefit programs offered by the government, such as critical health care and food support. The proposed rule targets immigrant community members who are low-income, have limited English proficiency, or have disabilities. There will be a devastating impact on millions of our community members.
- Comments can be submitted until December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 via an online portal. Public comments are important because until all of the comments are reviewed, the proposed rule cannot be finalized. The resources below offer templates, fact sheets, webinar opportunities, and more information from our partners.

### Talking Points and Communication Strategies:

- [Berkeley Media Studies Group](#)
- Public Health Awakened [sample tweet](#) and sample [Facebook post](#)
- Protecting Immigrant Families [Promotional Toolkit](#) Phase 1

### Additional Readings:

- [NHLP](#): DHS' Proposed Rule: What May Change with Public Charge
- [NHLP](#): Trump Team Works to Wall-Off Immigrants from Medicaid
- [Commonwealth Fund](#): A New "Public Charge" Rule Affecting Immigrants Has Major Implications for Medicaid
- [Community Catalyst](#): For People Living with HIV/AIDS, the Revised Public Charge Rule Could Mean Life or Death
- [Representative](#) Judy Chu (CA, D-27) proposes [H.R. 7052](#) to block the usage of federal funds in implementing the proposed public charge rule.

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- [Commonwealth Fund](#): Public Charge Rule Would Have Significant, Negative Impact on Immigrants' Health Care and the Safety-Net Delivery System

### Public Charge Resources and Fact Sheets:

- **Protecting Immigrant Families** [webpage](#) (PIF), [FAQs](#), and [resources page](#)
- Protecting Immigrant [Families Quick Analysis and FAQ](#)
- Protecting Immigrant Families' [Fact Sheet](#) on Who Would Be Harmed by Trump's Public Charge Proposal
- **Community Clinic Association of LA County**: Advocacy for [health centers](#)
- **Manatt Health's** [interactive dashboard](#) provides detailed information sizing and segments the potentially chilled population by state, county, and metropolitan area as well as by age and race/ethnicity.
- **Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County's** CA-specific [flyer](#)
- **Immigrant Legal Resource Center's** 1-pagers on current policy: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- **National Immigration Law Center's** portal for [sharing stories](#) of those impacted by how this public charge rule can impact them.
- **Asian Americans Advancing Justice** fact sheets: [Cambodian](#), [Chinese](#), [English CA](#), [English National](#), [Korean](#), [Tagalog](#), [Thai](#), [Vietnamese](#)
- **Justice in Aging** [fact sheet](#)
- **Community Catalyst** [fact sheet](#)
- **California Health Plus Advocates** [analysis](#) of proposed regulation impact on health centers, [patient talking points](#), [media talking points](#), [legislative talking points](#), and [Health Center Fiscal Impact Calculator](#) and [Calculator Instructions](#)
- **LGBTQ** [fact sheet](#)
- **National LGBTQ Task Force** [Social Media Toolkit](#)
- **National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, and In Our Own Voice**: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda - in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- **Center for Public Representation, The Arc, and Autistic Self Advocacy Network's** [grassroots explainer](#), and a more detailed [info sheet](#)
- **Coalition on Human Needs** [fact sheet](#) on public charge and poverty
- **National Housing Law Project & National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty** [fact sheet](#) for housing and homelessness advocates
- **CLASP** [fact sheets by state](#) and general [fact sheet](#)
- **Fiscal Policy Institute and the Economic Policy Institute's** [economic impact analysis](#)
- **Advancing Justice: Public Charge Toolkit**
- **AAPCHO: Task Force**
- **APIAHF: Infographic**
- **PIVOT: Infographic**
- **UndocuBlackNetwork: Resource Page**

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- African Services Committee: [Press Statement](#)
- LCCR: [Press Statement](#)
- UnidosUS: [Press Statement](#)
- MALDEF: [Press Statement](#)

### Comment Submissions and Comment Letter Templates:

Although template letters are available, please remember to customize at least 30% of the template letter. Otherwise, the letters will count as one. If you are referencing articles or research in your comment, attach them as PDFs at the end of your comment rather than just hyperlinking them. Comment letters are only accepted in English.

- Comment [Guidelines](#)
- [Federal government](#) submission portal
- [Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#) template and submission portal
- [Public Health Awakened](#) template and submission portal
- [Protecting Immigrant Families](#) template and submission portal
- [Food Research and Action Center](#) template and submission portal
- [Young Invincibles](#) template and submission portal
- [Faith-focused](#) template and submission portal
- [Access to Health, Protecting Disability Rights and Supporting Seniors-focused](#) template and submission portal
- [Child Advocacy-focused](#) template and submission portal
- [California Primary Care Association](#) (CPCA) templates and submission portal
- [Center for Public Representation](#) template letter focusing on impacts the rule will have for people with disabilities

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### Webinars and Trainings:

Date and Time (PST)	Description	Registration Link and Information	Contact Information
<b>November 30, 2018</b> <b>from 6:00pm - 7:30pm</b>	<p>Public Charge Comment Strategy 2.0 Webinar.</p> <p>The goal of this webinar is to answer last-minute questions and share updated arguments and ideas – developed after the PIF template comment was shared in October – that will make your comments as strong as possible.</p>	<a href="#">Register here</a>	
<b>November 30, 2018</b> <b>from 6:00pm- 7:30pm</b>	<p>On October 10, 2018, the Trump Administration proposed a change to the Public Charge rule that would put the health and well-being of immigrant communities at risk, including LGBTQ immigrants. This proposal seeks to instill fear and discourage immigrant communities from seeking programs that support their basic needs. We cannot stand idly by while LGBTQ and immigrant communities are attacked by the Trump Administration.</p> <p>Please join us in speaking out against this anti-immigrant and anti-LGBTQ proposal by attending a public comment party at the Trans Wellness Center. This event will provide an opportunity to learn about how the proposed Public Charge Rule directly affects our communities and how you can join other LGBTQ advocates in fighting back. Computers and free WiFi will be available for everyone attending the party. You are encouraged to bring your own laptop if possible, so more comments can be provided.</p>	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Facebook Event page</a>	Isaias Guzman <a href="mailto:iguzman@health-access.org">iguzman@health-access.org</a>