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Public Charge On Disability Digital Toolkit

The Trump administration has proposed radically restructuring the US immigration system to favor wealthy, white, and non-disabled immigrants. In a new public charge rule, immigration and consular officials will be required to deny green cards to anyone predicted to receive certain public benefits, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), non-emergency Medicaid, Medicare Part D, and housing assistance.

Millions of immigrants – especially people with disabilities – will be forced to choose between coverage for their families and putting their immigration status at risk. [1 in 5](#) households participating in SNAP include an adult with a disability. [89% of households](#) using federal rental assistance in the US include children, people who are elderly, or people with disabilities.

Immigration is a disability justice issue, and we need your support to fight this unambiguously ableist and classist rule.

What Can You Do?

The public charge proposal has been posted to the Federal Register, triggering a public comment period ending on December 10th. Mobilizing our communities to submit public comments will be key in pressuring this administration to stop its attack on immigrants with disabilities. Go to protectimmigrantfamilies.org/#take-action to submit a comment today.

Join the Conversation Online

- Use the hashtag #ProtectFamilies and demand the administration rescind this rule.

SAMPLE TWEETS:

Trump's public charge proposal seeks to rewrite our immigration system to favor wealthy, white, and non-disabled immigrants. Submit a public comment today to stop this anti-immigrant attack #ProtectFamilies #PublicChargeOnDisability bit.ly/submitcomment

Trump's public charge rule makes wealth and ability preconditions for getting a green card. Submit a comment today and demand the admin rescind this ableist classist rule. #ProtectFamilies #PublicChargeOnDisability bit.ly/submitcomment

Immigrants are legally eligible for SNAP and Medicaid. Trump's expanded public charge rule would penalize them for using it. TAKE ACTION and submit a comment today #PublicChargeOnDisability #ProtectFamilies bit.ly/submitcomment

US citizen children may go without critical medical care or food if the Trump administration has its way. Tell the Trump administration to stop its attacks on immigrant families today. #ProtectFamilies #PublicChargeOnDisability bit.ly/submitcomment

The public charge proposal discriminates against disabled and low-income immigrants. Together we can pressure this administration to #ProtectFamilies #CripTheVote bit.ly/submitcomment

1 in 5 households participating in SNAP include an adult with a disability. Trump's expanded public charge rule is an attack on immigrants with disabilities. Take action and submit a comment today. #PublicChargeOnDisability bit.ly/submitcomment

The Trump administration is forcing immigrants to choose between coverage for their families and putting their immigration status at risk. Demand the administration #ProtectFamilies today bit.ly/submitcomment

CAP RESOURCES:

Trump is proposing to explicitly target disabled immigrants – harkening back to a time when the federal government used the test to deny residency to people it deemed “degenerates” and “lunatics.”

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/disability/news/2018/08/08/454537/trumps-public-charge-rule-threaten-disabled-immigrants-health-safety/>

The ADA put in place key pieces that made the American dream accessible to the disability community. Donald Trump's public-charge rule will undo that progress. #PublicChargeOnDisability #ProtectFamilies

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The Trump administration's public charge rule proposal will establish a wealth and ability test for immigrant applicants – learn more about this archaic rule in immigration law and how Trump plans to expand it.

Coalition Resources

- [Protecting Immigrant Families](#): Quick Analysis and FAQs
- [Arc website](#) which contains draft public comments which you can personalize and submit to DHS
- Rooted in Rights & National Coalition for Latinxs with Disabilities: [Public charge video explainer](#)

- Rooted in Rights: [Febe's Story](#) – How the New Public Charge Rule Could Hurt My Family
- Justice in Aging: Fighting Senior Poverty Through Law: “Public Charge: A Threat to the Health & Well-being of Older Adults in Immigrant Families” [Fact Sheet](#)

Community Resources

- Spanish language [fact sheet](#)
- Chinese language [fact sheet](#)
- Hindi language [fact sheet](#)
- Arabic language [fact sheet](#)

Graphics with Image Descriptions



Image Description: Graphic depicting shards of broken glass with an apple, bottle of medicine, and home reflected on the broken pieces. The overlaid text reads "Trump's Inhumane Regulation Would Deprive Immigrant Families of Healthcare, Food, and Housing Comment Now!"

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Image Description: Dark cartoon graphic showing envelopes with postage. The overlaid text reads "Help #ProtectFamilies Today! Submit Your Public Comment"

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Image Description: Graphic of a megaphone with overlaid text that reads "Speak Out Against Trump's Cruel Regulation!"

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Image Description: Photo of a mother holding her young child. Their noses are pressed together, and the toddler is cradling her cheek with their hand. The text beside the photo reads "Trump's Cruel New Regulation Will Hurt Immigrant Families. Fight Back Now"

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