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17	STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF MAINE,	CASE NO. 3:19-cv-04975
18	COMMONWEALTH OF	DECLARATION OF CARMELA COYLE
19	PENNSYLVANIA and STATE OF OREGON,	IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY
.20	Plaintiffs,	INJUNCTION
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21	v.	
22	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND	
23	SECURITY; KEVIN MCALEENAN, in his	
24	official capacity as Acting Secretary of Homeland Security; U.S. CITIZENSHIP	
	AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES; and	
25	KENNETH T. CUCCINELLI, in his official capacity as Acting Director of U.S. Citizenship	
26	and Immigration Services,	
27	Defendants:	
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I, Carmela Coyle declare as follows:

- 1. I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of the California Hospital Association (CHA) and have held this position since October 2017. As such, I have overall responsibility for CHA's activities under the oversight and direction of CHA's Board of Trustees. Prior to October 2017, I was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Hospital Association for nine years, where I played a leading role in refashioning the state's hospital payment system; Maryland is now a national leader in health care policy and innovation. Before that, I spent 20 years with the American Hospital Association, including 11 years as the senior vice president of policy. Earlier in my career, I worked for the Congressional Budget Office in Washington, D.C., advising members of Congress and their staff on the economic and budgetary implications of legislative policy.
- 2. This declaration is based on my personal knowledge and my experience working at CHA. If called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the information in this declaration.
- 3. CHA is a not-for-profit corporation and one of the largest hospital trade associations in the nation, serving more than 400 hospitals and health systems and 97 percent of the patient beds in California. CHA's members include general acute care hospitals, acute psychiatric hospitals, academic medical centers, county hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term acute care hospitals, multi-hospital health systems, and more. These hospitals provide vital health care services to millions of our state's residents every year. As the largest advocacy organization for hospitals in California, CHA represents its members in state and federal legislative, judicial, and regulatory arenas as we work to improve health care quality and access, as well as the overall health of all Californians. CHA's efforts include educating members of the federal and state legislative and executive branches, and others, about the complex laws and regulations governing health care operations, as well as sharing pertinent information regarding California's health care delivery system. CHA's vision is an "optimally healthy society," and CHA's mission is for every Californian to have equitable access to affordable, safe, high quality, and medically necessary health care.

- 4. I am familiar with the final rule "Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds," 84 Fed. Reg. 41292 (the "Rule"), published on August 14, 2019. It is my understanding that the Rule introduces an alternative definition of "public charge," to include "an alien who receives one or more" of the enumerated public benefits identified in the Rule.
- 5. The Rule provides an expanded list of enumerated benefits that must be considered for public charge purposes, which includes Medicaid (known in California as "Medi-Cal"), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and federal programs that help individuals in need of housing.
- 6. The Rule's inclusion of Medi-Cal will likely discourage participation in Medi-Cal, a vital health care coverage program. Based on the experience of California's hospitals, the Rule will create significant barriers for people attempting to access critical health care services and other programs. This will impair access to care, worsen health outcomes for entire families (including families whose members have different immigration statuses), and lead to a significant loss of health insurance coverage throughout the State.
- 7. Evidence related to the negative impact of this Rule has been presented since it first surfaced as a proposal. California's hospitals have already reported numerous accounts of changes in patient behavior resulting from fear and anxiety. Many hospitals and other community partners note that patients are canceling medical appointments. CHA has also been informed that some people are not signing up for Medi-Cal coverage, afraid that doing so will negatively affect their or their family members' immigration status.
- 8. This has a significant and serious impact on the State's health care system, particularly for mothers and children. Medi-Cal participants account for more than 50 percent of the State's births and Medi-Cal provides coverage for 40 percent of all children in California. Because the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medi-Cal are administered jointly in California, many parents might disenroll their children and abandon health care coverage entirely due to concerns or confusion about the consequences of participation on their immigration status.

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1	14. The immediate impact of the Rule on patients who hospitals serve, as well as its long-	
2	term negative consequences, is simply unacceptable.	
3	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and of my own	
4	personal knowledge.	
5	Executed on August 23, 2019, in Sacramento, California.	
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