

CHA Media Statement

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New Federal Public Charge Rule Threatens Health and Safety of Legal Immigrants

“The Trump Administration’s new ‘public charge’ rule jeopardizes the well-being of people who have legally immigrated to this country and who want nothing more than to feed and shelter their families and obtain life-saving care when they are sick or injured,” said Carmela Coyle, President & CEO of the California Hospital Association. “We are dismayed the federal government has adopted a misguided policy that will jeopardize access to health care and social support services for millions including children, seniors, the disabled and those with chronic conditions.

“California’s hospitals want all of our state’s residents — regardless of their immigration status — to know that they should feel safe seeking care when they need it,” Coyle added. “There is a special trust between patients and those who care for them. Our doors are always open — and we will always remain safe havens for those who need our help.”

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