



CCLP Statement: New ‘public charge’ rule would harm millions of immigrant families

The Trump Administration’s Department of Homeland Security today [posted](#) new regulations that will harm the health and economic security of immigrants and their families, including thousands of families in Colorado. The Colorado Center on Law & Policy strongly condemns these changes, which target immigrants who are working toward a safe, stable future in the United States, and who help drive our economy and enrich our communities.

As released, the rule will make life for immigrants much harder with the creation of a wealth test and other legal barriers that discriminate against non-English speakers, children, the elderly, and people with serious illnesses. The rule will also scare families away from accessing critical government programs like Medicaid and SNAP that promote health and wellbeing and make our communities stronger.

CCLP is an organization firmly rooted in equity and the preservation of dignity for Coloradans facing economic hardship. We denounce this rule and other similar changes that will harm our communities.

The final rule will not go into effect before October 15, 2019 and that implementation date may be delayed further due to litigation. Until implementation, none of the changes will take effect.

It is a priority for CCLP that our communities have access to reliable and accurate information about these changes. We will be doing a comprehensive review of the changes over the next several days and are working with partners to make presentations available. In the meantime, you can learn more about the rule and how to get involved by visiting the Protecting Immigrant Families [campaign website](#). If you have more questions about the new rule, please email CCLP health attorney Allison Neswood at aneswood@cclponline.org.