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Like the Family Separation Policy, Trumps Expanded Public Charge Regulation Puts

Thousands of Children at Risk

The Trump Administration [announced](#) a wide expansion of the public charge rule that threatens to deny a green card to immigrants who have accepted specific public benefits, including housing assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, and Medicaid. Sandy Santana, Executive Director of Childrens Rights, issued this statement:

This cruel expansion of the public charge rule is yet another unconscionable attack on immigrant families, and unfortunately, once again it is vulnerable children who will suffer the consequences. Our federal government continues to punish immigrants by targeting children, endangering the well-being of thousands of kids whose families may now be too afraid to access basic health, nutrition, and housing services for fear of the repercussions. No parent should be forced to choose between providing food, shelter and healthcare for their children and seeking a green card to live and work legally in the country. Like the separation of children and families, this new regulation is against our fundamental values and puts children at risk to advance Draconian immigration policies.

About Childrens Rights:Through strategic advocacy and legal action, Childrens Rights holds state governments accountable to Americas most vulnerable children. A national watchdog organization since 1995, Childrens Rights fights to protect and defend the rights of young people, because we believe that children have the right to the best possible futures. For more information, please visitwww.childrensrights.org.

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