Immigration Policy: How are Health Centers Responding to Patient Needs?
AGENDA

• Immigration Resources Available
  – Service Provider / Community Training Modules
  – Immigration Community Toolkit
  – Immigration Resource Page

• Public Charge Messaging Approach

• National Health Center Immigration Workgroup

• COVID 19 Education & Outreach
Mission

• The mission of CPCA is to lead and position community clinics, health centers, and networks through advocacy, education and services as key players in the health care delivery system to improve the health status of their communities.

• CPCA was founded in 1994 to create a unified, statewide voice for community clinics and health centers.

1,366 Community Health Centers (CHCs) in California
• 1 in 6 patients served by California Health Centers – That equivocates to 7.4 million patients
Combating the Chilling Effect

• BACKGROUND: Immigrants have been experiencing a cycle, known as the chilling effect:
Immigration Community Toolkit

Community documents are available in:
- English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog & Vietnamese

1. THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM & COVID-19 for California Immigrants
   - Overview of the U.S. healthcare system and how it applies to undocumented immigrants in California.

2. STAY HEALTHY: California Immigrants & COVID-19
   - COVID-19 testing & treatment information; plus tools to advocate for your right to health.

3. FREE & AFFORDABLE FOOD for California Immigrants
   - Overview of safe and free food resources in California and how they relate to the public charge test.
Immigration Community Toolkit

**STAY HEALTHY**

**CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANTS & COVID-19**

Undocumented Californians have the right to use public services.

- Public services for undocumented Californians
- Public services for qualified immigrants & citizens
- Thinking about public charge

**PRESENTATION SLIDES**

Immigrant Health in California: Health Access, COVID-19 & Public Charge


**HANDOUTS**

- Guide to the U.S. healthcare system for undocumented Californians
- List of helpful, safe to use public services; and public charge assessment
- List of public food resources; and detail on CalFresh & public charge
- COVID-19 testing & treatment information; plus tools to advocate for your right to health

**ONLINE PUBLIC CHARGE ASSESSMENT TOOL**

Benefits experts and immigration lawyers created this site to help you understand:

- if there is a public charge test for your immigration plans or status, and
- if any public benefits are a problem for immigration.

Learn more: [KeepYourBenefitsCA.org](https://KeepYourBenefitsCA.org)
SERVICE PROVIDER & ADVOCATE TRAININGS

Designed to prepare advocates & service providers to confidently train colleagues and inform clients on the new public charge test. Modules contain talking points to help trainees become trainers. Choose all or a subset of modules to create the ideal training for your audience.

**Public Charge 101** * 45 Min
What changes have been made and who does it affect?

**The Chilling Effect & Our Collective Health** 20 min
Public Charge is one of many attacks on immigrant life. Learn how immigration policy impacts their health and increases mistrust.

**Public Benefit Eligibility** 25 Min
An overview of immigrant eligibility for public assistance programs.

**Privacy Rights & Protections** * 20 Min
How to talk about confidentiality with clients.

**How to Talk About Public Charge with Community** * 25 Min
Messaging public charge to immigrants (while avoiding legal advice).

**Media Engagement & Story Telling** 25 min
How to communicate effectively with the media for policy change.

**Impact to Nutrition & Housing** 25 Min
Keeping people connected to nutrition & housing supports.

**Impact to Farmworkers** 25 Min
Special considerations for supporting farmworkers with public charge.

**Impact on Children in Immigrant Families** 25 Min
How immigrant children’s access to services will be impacted.

**Get Involved** - 25 min
Join the movement—learn how to advocate pro-immigrant policy.

*Should be presented by an attorney who understands public charge.*

Download presentations: [cpca.org/immigration](http://cpca.org/immigration)
Community Training Module

• **Immigrant Health in California: Health Access, COVID-19 & Public Charge**
  – With coordinated hand-outs that match the Powerpoint slides, presenter notes & talking points.

• **Powerpoint available in English & Spanish**

• **Public Charge Assessment Tool: keepyourbenefits.org**
  – Created by benefits experts and immigration lawyers to help you understand:
    • if there is a public charge test for your immigration plans or status
    • if any public benefits are a problem for immigration.
Reapproaching Public Charge Messaging

• Be clear and concise
  – Avoid providing details of what the 2019 Public Charge rule, especially now that it’s no longer in effect

• Focus your presentation on public services available vs. details of PC rule

• Share updated statements by state or federal agencies making clear the public charge rule is no longer in effect
  – Highlight that COVID testing, treatment and vaccine are available to all regardless of immigration status
• We invite you to join AAPCHO, NACHC and CPCA’s National Health Center Immigration Workgroup
  – We have NILC provide monthly updates on policy changes in the immigration space
  – Have guest speakers on FW / Migrant health
  – To register please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHCIWG_2018

• Find Resources at
  – CPCA’s Immigration Resource Pg: CPCA.ORG / IMMIGRATION
  – Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign: https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/