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Dear NASW-NYC Community,

The [New York City Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers](#) is writing to inform you that the current administration's plan to implement a new rule concerning immigrant individuals and families receiving public benefits (***the Public Charge Rule***) goes into effect on October 15, 2019. This rule is punitive to low-income documented and undocumented immigrants seeking permanent residence and eventual citizenship in the United States. Both nationally and locally, NASW joined advocacy efforts via a sign on campaign to make public, our position of equity, social justice, and human rights for ALL people. This rule and the circumstances are very complicated and as such, we are providing you with comprehensive updates about implications of the new Public Charge Rule from the [Protecting Immigrant Families](#) coalition, of which the National Association of Social Workers is a member. There is information regarding advocacy efforts and how you can get involved. Another resource that you may find helpful in understanding the potentially devastating impact of this rule is the National Immigration Law Center (NILC), which is participating in a lawsuit to prevent the new rule from going into effect. The [NILC website](#) also has information on helping to explain the meaning of the Public Charge Rule to immigrant individuals and families.

See below for information from Protecting Immigrant Families on how you can learn more, and get involved:

## DHS Rule Finalization - Campaign Webinar

Friday, August 16 at 3:00pm ET (12:00pm PT)

- Please join the Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign for a Field Webinar on the recently finalized DHS public charge rule. We will go over topline of the final rule, share how your organization can best respond, and share top messaging and talking points.
- [REGISTER FOR FRIDAY'S WEBINAR](#)

## Resources

- [Let's Talk About Public Charge](#) - This resource is designed to help immigrants, mixed-status families, and communities understand the core elements of public charge.
- [Getting the Help You Need](#) - This resource is designed for people that work directly with immigrant families to help them understand whether they are subject to public charge.

- [You Have Rights: Protect Your Health](#) (NEW LANGUAGES) - We are happy to share new translated copies of this resource. Available in [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Chinese](#), [Arabic](#) and more languages coming soon. This resource is designed to help mixed-status families know more about their rights when it comes to going to the doctor or enrolling in health insurance.

Thank you and we urge you to get involved, learn more, and support NASW-NYC's work to advocate for all. To learn more and be involved with NASW-NYC, check out our [Immigration and Global Social Work Committee](#).

In Solidarity,



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