



The National Association of Social Workers-Texas (NASW-TX) Human Rights Committee expresses deep concern regarding the U.S. The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) recently published [proposed rule change](#) that would prevent mixed-status families from receiving HUD-assisted housing programs. Mixed-status families are households with both U.S. citizens or legal residents, and undocumented family members living together. If adopted, this rule change could potentially impact thousands of families in Texas.

Social workers stand on the front lines supporting individuals and families navigating economic insecurity, housing instability, trauma, and the compounding stressors of systemic barriers. Stable, decent, and affordable housing is fundamental to health, safety, wellbeing, and human dignity. It is also essential for effective clinical and community practice. The current HUD policy allows mixed-status households to access prorated housing assistance, as undocumented individuals are ineligible for housing assistance benefits. The proposed rule would eliminate this practice, requiring every household member to prove eligible status to qualify for assistance, and impose burdensome documentation requirements on all residents, including U.S. citizens.

This proposed change would force families into a cruel dilemma: separate to retain housing support or remain together and risk becoming unhoused. According to [analyses from housing advocates](#), this rule could result in tens of thousands of families, including tens of thousands of children, losing housing assistance.

The NASW-TX Human Rights Committee rejects this proposed rule change as it threatens the stability and wellbeing of families, worsens housing instability, or exacerbates trauma among some of the most vulnerable families in our communities. This proposed rule change would disproportionately harm communities of color, children, people with disabilities, and economically marginalized households.

### **Call to Action**

NASW-TX Human Rights Committee urges our members, partners, and all advocates for human rights, equity, and affordable housing to submit public comments opposing this proposed rule change before April 21, 2026. Comments can be submitted via [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under docket number RIN 2501-AD89. We encourage personal stories, professional perspectives, and evidence-based arguments that highlight the devastating impacts this rule would have on families.