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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Alameda County Community Partners

FROM: Lori A. Cox, Director, Alameda County Social Services Agency  
Colleen Chawla, Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency

RE: UPDATE: Supreme Court Ruling: "Public Charge"

DATE: January 30, 2020

The Alameda County Social Services Agency (SSA), Health Care Services Agency (HCSA), and the Board of Supervisors strongly oppose the Trump Administration's changes to an outdated and unnecessary federal administrative rule known as "public charge".

### **Nationwide Injunction Lifted**

This week the [Supreme Court](#) lifted a nationwide injunction that had paused the implementation of the public charge rule. This was the last of the three-district court nationwide injunctions standing, which means that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) rule can go into effect nationwide, except in Illinois where it is blocked by a statewide injunction. We understand DHS will implement this final rule on or after February 24, 2020.

### **Important details to know**

As a reminder, the rules for California's public assistance benefits have not changed. This includes all eligibility guidelines and access to benefits for legal permanent residents and clients with qualifying immigrant status remain intact. We want to help our clients continue to receive the assistance they and their families are eligible to receive.

### **The County of Alameda supports services to immigrants**

We remain committed to and supportive of access to services of all individuals and families living in the County of Alameda County, including immigrants. We want to continue to educate and empower our community to actively engage with an immigration attorney should they have any questions or concerns about their individual case. For additional information, view the [Public Service Announcement on public charge](#).

### **Connections to Immigration Legal Services**

Anyone concerned about applying for benefits or considering removal from benefits should consult an immigration attorney. Please provide clients with the following info on free community-based legal assistance:

- Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (510) 251-2846
- Bay Area Legal Aid (510) 663-4744
- Catholic Charities of the East Bay (510) 437-1554
- Centro Legal De La Raza (510) 437-1554
- East Bay Community Law Center (510) 548-4040
- International Institute of the East Bay (510) 451-2846

**For updated information please visit the SSA Immigration Resources webpage at:**

<https://immigration.alamedasocialservices.org>, or contact SSA's Policy Director, Anissa Basoco-Villarreal at [avillarreal@acgov.org](mailto:avillarreal@acgov.org) or (510) 271-9181, or HCSA Policy Director, Eileen Ng at [EileenNg@acgov.org](mailto:EileenNg@acgov.org).