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RESOURCE LIST

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This document provides a list of vetted resources aimed at enhancing knowledge of the public charge rule, proposed changes to the rule, and their impact on immigrants in the U.S.

FACT SHEETS

- **Public Charge: A Threat to Children's Health and Well-Being** (October 2018) *CLASP* https://www.clasp.org/sites/default/files/publications/2018/06/2018_pifchildfactsheet_web.pdf
This fact-sheet reviews the proposed changes to the Public Charge Rule, put forward in September of 2018, and its potential impact on children of immigrants.
- **Proposed Changes to “Public Charge” Policies for Immigrants: Implications for Health Coverage** (2018) *Henry J Kaiser Foundation* <http://files.kff.org/attachment/Issue-Brief-Proposed-Changes-to-Public-Charge-Policies-for-Immigrants-Implications-for-Health-Coverage> This fact sheet provides an overview of the proposed changes to "public charge" policies and its implications for health and health coverage of legal immigrant families and their predominantly U.S.-born children.
- **Fact Sheet: Immigrants and Public Benefits** (August 2018) *National Immigration Forum* <https://immigrationforum.org/article/fact-sheet-immigrants-and-public-benefits/>
A fact sheet on immigrant families and public benefits, including rate of usage and qualifications.

BRIEFS

- **How to Talk About Public Charge with Immigrants and Their Families** (January 2019) *Protecting Immigrant Families* <https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/talking-pubcharge-with-immigrant-families-2019-01.pdf>
This brief summarizes topline Protecting Immigrant Families (PIF) Campaign messages and talking points recommended when discussing public charge concerns with immigrant communities.
- **An Overview of Public Charge** (December 2018). *Immigrant Legal Resource Center*. https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/overview_of_public_charge-20181214.pdf
This practice advisory reviews the current and proposed public charge rules, the benefits programs and recipients affected by proposed rule changes, and clarification on how public charge relates to immigration deportation.
- **Potential Effects of Public Charge Changes on Health Coverage for Citizen Children** (2018) *Henry J Kaiser Foundation* <https://www.kff.org/disparities-policy/issue-brief/potential-effects-of-public-charge-changes-on-health-coverage-for-citizen-children/>
This brief provides an overview of the effects of proposed changes to the public charge rule on citizen children with a noncitizen parent. Three Medicaid/CHIP disenrollment scenarios are analyzed to illustrate how the changes could potentially affect their health coverage and uninsured rate.

- **Changing Public Charge Immigration Rules: The Potential Impact on Children Who Need Care** (October 2018) Leah Zallman and Karen Finnegan, *California Health Care Foundation* <https://www.chcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ChangingPublicChargeImmigrationRules.pdf>
This brief discusses how changes to the public charge rule could impact Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollment among a particularly vulnerable group: low- and moderate-income children with a current or recent medical diagnosis, disability, and/or need for specific therapy.
- **Mapping Public Benefits for Immigrants in the States** (September 2014) *The Pew Charitable Trusts* <https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/assets/2014/09/mappingpublicbenefitsforimmigrantsinthestatesfinal.pdf>
This brief focuses on five major means-tested public benefits programs—nonemergency Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Supplemental Security Income—each of which has its own rules for determining eligibility and benefits.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Immigration: Frequently Asked Questions about "Public Charge"** (September 2018) *Congressional Research Service* <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/R45313.pdf> This report provides answers to frequently asked questions about current public charge policy, including the sources of laws that govern public charge determinations, who is subject to determinations, factors that are considered in determinations, and the consequences of determinations.
- **The Proposed Public Charge Rule and Young Children: Q&A** (October 2018) *CLASP* <https://www.clasp.org/publications/fact-sheet/proposed-public-charge-rule-and-young-children-qa>
This Q&A provides an overview of the proposed public charge provisions and other important information specifically for the early childhood community.

RESEARCH

- **Chilling Effects: The Expected Public Charge Rule and Its Impact on Legal Immigrant Families' Public Benefits Use** (2018) Jeanna Batalova, Michael Fix, and Mark Greenberg, *Migration Policy Institute* <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/chilling-effects-expected-public-charge-rule-impact-legal-immigrant-families>
This report analyzes use of public benefits by noncitizens, naturalized citizens, and the U.S. born to understand the potential magnitude of the proposed rule's effects.
- **Research Estimating Impact of Proposed Public Charge Rule: What Study to Use?** (November, 2018) *Protecting Immigrant Families* <https://www.clasp.org/sites/default/files/publications/2018/12/PIF%20Research%20Guide%202011-28-18.pdf>
This document is a running summary of demographic and economic research estimating the impact of the proposed public charge rule.