



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES

Public Charge Rule: Join CCD in a week of action to oppose the rule!

On October 10, the Department of Homeland Security proposed the “public charge” rule. This rule would allow the U.S. to keep out people it thinks might use government benefits to meet their needs. The public charge rule will discriminate against immigrants with disabilities and their families trying to enter the U.S. (get a visa) or get a green card (become a permanent resident). **It is critical that the disability community speaks out against this devastating rule before the public comment period closes on December 10th.**

In collaboration with CCD and others in the disability community, the [Protecting Immigrant Families](#) coalition will focus this week on Health, Aging, and Disability in the broader campaign to unite public opposition and stop this rule. Below are disability-focused resources to help you learn more about the rule, spread the word, and (most importantly) submit comments:

- Join CCD and other disability advocates on Twitter on **Wednesday, October 21, 2018 at 2pm EST** to #ProtectFamilies and help get the word out.
- CCD has worked with The Arc of the United States to create [a link to help you comment](#) on the rule. Remember to individualize the comments about why you care about the rule and how you or someone you know will be impacted.
- CCD has issued a [statement opposing the public charge rule](#). CCD members have created these resources to help you learn more about the public charge rule and what it means for people with disabilities: a [grassroots explainer](#) and a more detailed [info sheet](#).
- Protecting Immigrant Families has created this [Social Media Toolkit](#) to help you spread the word and encourage friends and family to comment on the rule.

Please spread the word you to members and networks. It is critical that the voices of the disability community be heard!

The Rights and Long Term Services and Supports Task Forces