

Immigration Policy: How are Health Centers Responding to Patient Needs?





AGENDA

- Immigration Resources Available
 - Service Provider / Community Training Modules
 - Immigration Community Toolkit
 - Immigration Resource Page
- Public Charge Messaging Approach
- National Health Center Immigration Workgroup
- COVID 19 Education & Outreach



California Primary Care Association

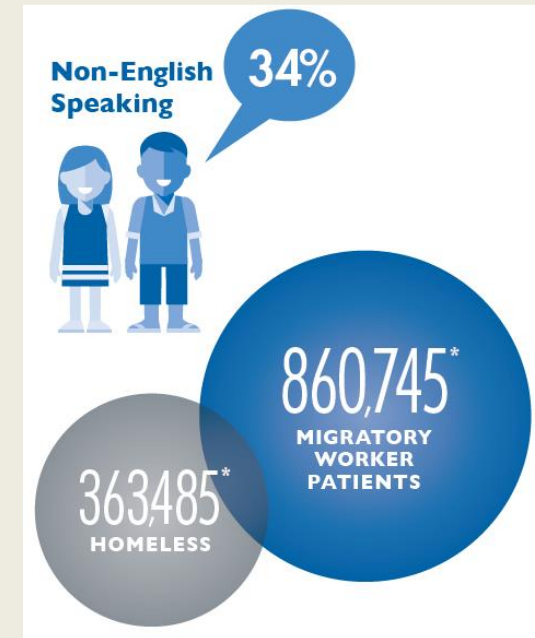
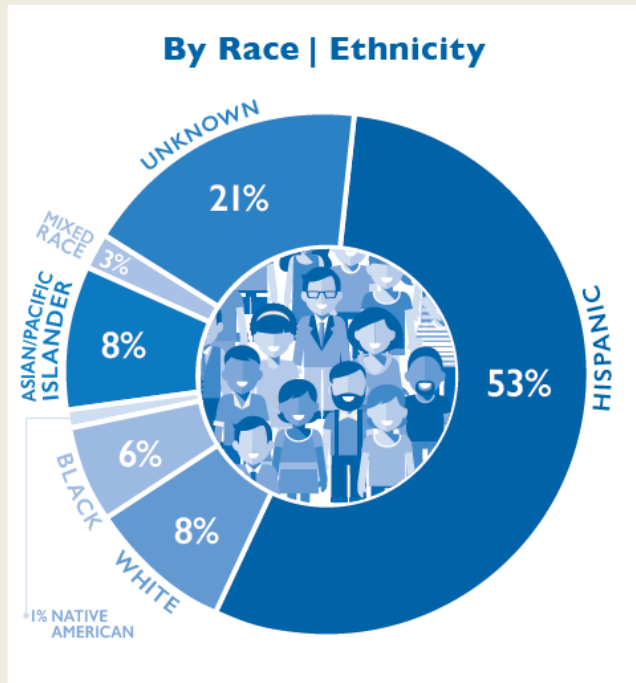
Mission

- The mission of CPCA is to lead and position community clinics, health centers, and networks through advocacy, education and services as key players in the health care delivery system to improve the health status of their communities.
- CPCA was founded in 1994 to create a unified, statewide voice for community clinics and health centers.

1,366 Community Health Centers (CHCs) in California

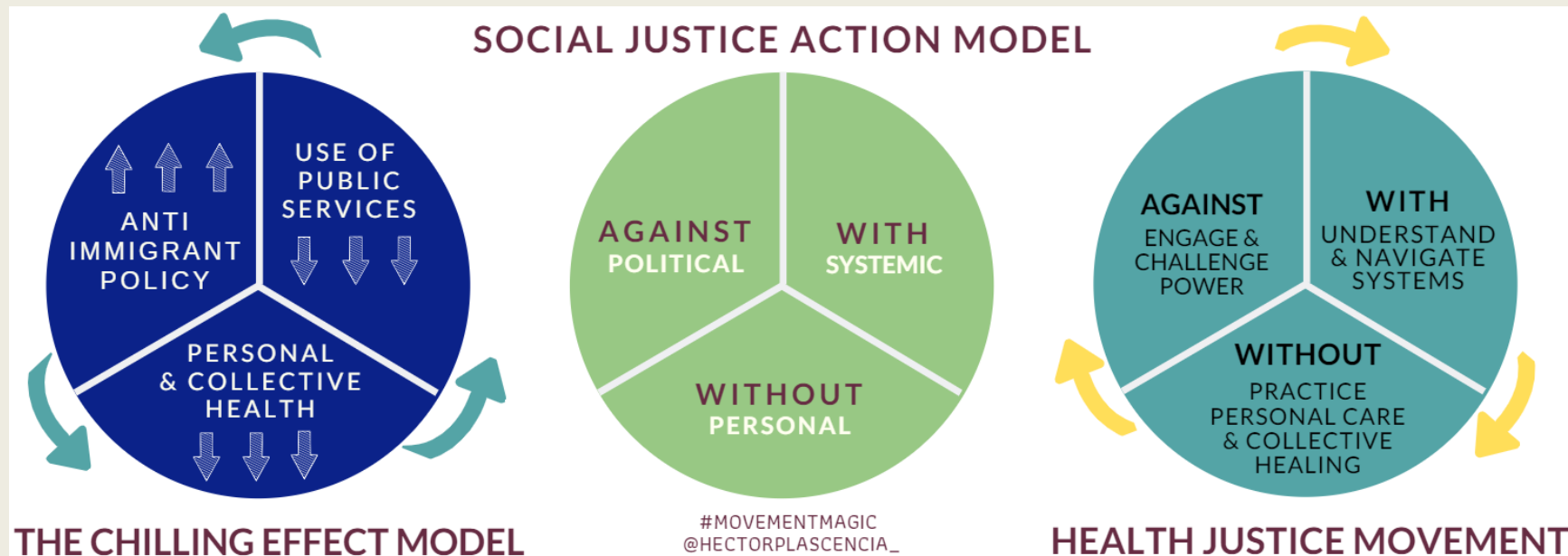
CA Community Health Centers

- 1 in 6 patients served by California Health Centers
 - That equivocates to 7.4 million patients



Combating the Chilling Effect

- **BACKGROUND:** Immigrants have been experiencing a cycle, known as the chilling effect:





Immigration Community Toolkit

- **Community documents are available in:**
 - [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [Tagalog](#) & [Vietnamese](#)
- 1. **THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM & COVID-19 for California Immigrants**
 - Overview of the U.S. healthcare system and how it applies to undocumented immigrants in California.
- 2. **STAY HEALTHY: California Immigrants & COVID-19**
 - COVID-19 testing & treatment information; plus tools to advocate for your right to health.
- 3. **FREE & AFFORDABLE FOOD for California Immigrants**
 - Overview of safe and free food resources in California and how they relate to the public charge test.

Immigration Community Toolkit

STAY HEALTHY CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANTS & COVID-19

UNDOCUMENTED CALIFORNIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE PUBLIC SERVICES

PUBLIC SERVICES FOR UNDOCUMENTED CALIFORNIANS

Using these services **will NOT** harm your immigration status in the future.

- Testing, prevention or treatment for COVID-19
- Pandemic EBT
- Pandemic Unemployment
- WIC: Women, Infant & Children
- State Funded Medi-Cal
- School Breakfast or Lunch Services
- Emergency Medi-Cal
- Public Education including Head Start
- Medi-Cal for Children under age 21
- Emergency and Disaster Relief
- Medi-Cal during Pregnancy
- California Food Assistance Program
- County Funded Health Services or Programs
- Community Resources: Food Banks
- Earned Income Credit or Child Tax Credit
- Covered California Financial Assistance

PUBLIC SERVICES FOR QUALIFIED IMMIGRANTS & CITIZENS

Family members that are qualified immigrants - refugees, asylees, survivors of trafficking, domestic violence and other serious crimes, and other "humanitarian" immigrants - legal permanent residents (green card) or citizens, **can qualify for federal services** such as:

- Federal Medicaid
- CalFresh Food
- Section 8 Housing

THINKING ABOUT PUBLIC CHARGE?

THE PUBLIC CHARGE TEST IS BEING USED TO SCARE IMMIGRANTS

1. Most immigrants will **NOT** be affected.
 - Immigration authorities use the public charge test when you:**
 - apply for a **FAMILY-BASED green card** or Visa, OR
 - have a Green Card and leave the US for more than 6 months.
2. Services used by **family members DO NOT** count against your immigration application.
3. The majority of public services are **SAFE TO USE** - see list above.
4. Your personal **information is protected by law.**

FIND OUT IF THE PUBLIC CHARGE TEST APPLIES TO YOU

TEXT (650) 376.8006 **VISIT** www.KeepYourBenefitsCA.org

English: benefits Spanish: libre

THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT LEGAL ADVICE
HEALTHCARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS

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IMMIGRANT HEALTH COMMUNITY PACKET

Community-facing training and flyers available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

Download: bit.ly/protectthealthca


PRESENTATION SLIDES
Immigrant Health in California: Health Access, COVID-19 & Public Charge

HANDOUTS




THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
A COVID-19 GUIDE FOR CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANTS

Guide to the U.S. healthcare system for undocumented Californians.




STAY HEALTHY
CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANTS & COVID-19

List of helpful, safe to use public services; and public charge assessment.



FREE & AFFORDABLE FOOD
FOR CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANTS

List of public food resources; and detail on CalFresh & public charge.



STAY HEALTHY
ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF & YOUR RIGHT TO HEALTH


COVID-19 testing & treatment information; plus tools to advocate for your right to health.

ONLINE PUBLIC CHARGE ASSESSMENT TOOL

Benefits experts and immigration lawyers created this site to help you understand:

- if there is a public charge test for your immigration plans or status, and
- if any public benefits are a problem for immigration.

Learn more.
KeepYourBenefitsCA.org



SERVICE PROVIDER & ADVOCATE TRAININGS

Designed to prepare advocates & service providers to confidently train colleagues and inform clients on the new public charge test. Modules contain talking points to help trainees become trainers. Choose all or a subset of modules to create the ideal training for your audience.

Public Charge 101 * 45 Min

What changes have been made and who does it affect?

The Chilling Effect & Our Collective Health 20 min

Public Charge is one of many attacks on immigrant life. Learn how immigration policy impacts their health and increases mistrust.

Public Benefit Eligibility 25 Min

An overview of immigrant eligibility for public assistance programs.

Privacy Rights & Protections * 20 Min

How to talk about confidentiality with clients.

How to Talk About Public Charge with Community * 25 Min

Messaging public charge to immigrants (while avoiding legal advice).

Media Engagement & Story Telling 25 min

How to communicate effectively with the media for policy change.

Impact to Nutrition & Housing 25 Min

Keeping people connected to nutrition & housing supports.

Impact to Farmworkers 25 Min

Special considerations for supporting farmworkers with public charge.

Impact on Children in Immigrant Families 25 Min

How immigrant children's access to services will be impacted.

Get Involved - 25 min

Join the movement—learn how to advocate pro-immigrant policy.

** Should be presented by an attorney who understands public charge.*

Download presentations: cpc.org/immigration



Community Training Module

- **Immigrant Health in California: Health Access, COVID-19 & Public Charge**
 - With coordinated hand-outs that match the Powerpoint slides, presenter notes & talking points.
- **Powerpoint available in English & Spanish**
- **Public Charge Assessment Tool: keepyourbenefits.org**
 - Created by benefits experts and immigration lawyers to help you understand:
 - if there is a public charge test for your immigration plans or status
 - if any public benefits are a problems for immigration.



Reapproaching Public Charge Messaging

- Be clear and concise
 - Avoid providing details of what the 2019 Public Charge rule, especially now that it's no longer in effect
- Focus your presentation on public services available vs. details of PC rule
- Share updated statements by state or federal agencies making clear the public charge rule is no longer in effect
 - Highlight that COVID testing, treatment and vaccine are available to all regardless of immigration status



National Health Center Immigration Workgroup

- We invite you to join AAPCHO, NACHC and CPCA's National Health Center Immigration Workgroup
 - We have NILC provide monthly updates on policy changes in the immigration space
 - Have guest speakers on FW / Migrant health
 - To register please go to:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHCIWG_2018
- Find Resources at
 - CPCA's Immigration Resource Pg: CPCA.ORG / IMMIGRATION
 - Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign:
<https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/>