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Public Charge Rule Change Risks Serious Harm to Children

Richmond, VA – ChildFund International strongly opposes the Department of Homeland Security’s public charge rule change, which was officially published on August 14.

Alongside many of our peers, ChildFund spoke out against the proposed rule change months ago because we know that it harms children and their families by forcing them to risk deportation and family separation if they access the critical services that are their right.

The rule change will have severe, negative and lifelong effects on children and their families, as we have already seen firsthand where we work in McAllen, Texas, and we strongly encourage the administration to withdraw it.

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