

# Immigration Talking Points

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- Over the past few years, negative rhetoric around immigration has had a tangible impact on our patients and unfortunately, it continues to get worse.
- The President has signed executive orders that have a detrimental impact on immigrants, their communities, and the community health centers that care for them.
- Most recently, proposed changes to public charge have increased fear of deportation, deterring immigrants from seeking health care services and other public benefits.
- Community health center patients have canceled appointments and questioned whether to maintain their enrollment in public programs like Medicaid out of fear of deportation, putting their health and the health of their communities at risk.
- For decades, community health centers have provided care to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, their immigration status, or their individual circumstances. Our goal is a healthy community and that requires universal access to primary care services.
- We remain committed to fighting for policies that ensure community health centers are safe places to receive care and support.