

New Rule Would Make Illinois Sicker, Hungrier, Poorer

Legal Council denounces new rule proposed by the Department of Homeland Security

We are disappointed but hardly surprised at the news that the Department of Homeland Security has posted a draft of a new rule that would make using health, anti-hunger, anti-poverty, or affordable housing programs a disqualifier for remaining lawfully in the U.S. The rule would force thousands of Illinois families to make an unthinkable choice—healthcare or lawful permanent status—and make Illinois sicker, hungrier, and poorer.

Despite what the administration shovels at us, we know that we are stronger together.

Diversity is our nation's strength--making our ideas better, our creativity stronger, our communities richer. Immigrants are our families, friends, and neighbors. To force them into impossible choices hurts us all. We must work together to fight back because we know that together we can win.

Please join us in following this issue and in commenting once the rule is published in the federal register. Join us at Protecting Immigrant Families Illinois (pifillinois@povertylaw.org) and connect with us on social media to keep up with new developments.

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