



NSO STATEMENT ON THE PUBLIC CHARGE RULE

The National Service Office applauds the U.S. Department of Justice's decision to stop defending the public charge rule. The final judgment entered in the Northern District of Illinois on November 2, 2020, which vacated the public charge rule nationwide is now in effect. In other words, the *2019 public charge rule is permanently blocked nationwide*.

The National Service Office strongly opposed this rule, which targeted families who were seeking legal immigration status and creating a better life for their families. The rule effectively forced a choice between legal presence and seeking public benefits that protect health, well-being, and safety. Immigrant families can now access life-saving health care, food, and housing assistance without fear that they will lose the chance to obtain lawful permanent residence in the United States.