Statement on the Supreme Court’s Decision to Overturn the Nationwide Injunction Against the Public Charge Rule

Today, the US Supreme Court issued a decision overturning the nationwide injunction against the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) public charge rule. The public charge rule will exclude immigrants with disabilities from this country and discourage those already in the US from using critical public benefits, including the Medicaid-funded home and community based services many disabled people rely on to fully participate in their communities. Lower courts have found this is illegal disability discrimination.

Today’s decision means that DHS can implement the rule while the Courts of Appeals review whether it is illegal. Allowing this rule to go into effect will serve to spread confusion and fear among immigrant communities and will allow illegal discrimination to go unchecked while litigation is ongoing.

CPR, along with a coalition of disability organizations, has submitted several amicus briefs in support of efforts to strike down this dangerous rule, arguing that the rule is illegal and insidious disability discrimination that would prevent people with disabilities from entering this country or becoming legal residents. Despite today’s decision, we will continue our efforts in the courts to stop this rule.

For the latest updates on the litigation efforts and to learn more about the public charge rule and what it means for people with disabilities, visit us at https://medicaid.publicrep.org/feature/public-charge.