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We are a coalition of individuals and local organizations concerned about the significant negative impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the lives of immigrant community members, especially those who may be undocumented.

As one of the flagship hospitals of the state, and as a leader in providing care for all Connecticut residents regardless of documentation or insurance status, Yale New Haven Health System (YNHHS) has the opportunity to publicly commit to caring for some of our most vulnerable populations during this public health crisis.

Our undocumented immigrant communities bear particular risks during this pandemic: Undocumented individuals will not receive the coronavirus \$1,200 stimulus check to put toward emergent medical care. Many individuals defer presenting for care for fear of ICE raids. These fears have only multiplied under the Public Charge Rule, which we have already seen deters immigrants from seeking coronavirus treatment and testing. The Connecticut residents who are at risk of falling through the cracks due to their immigration status are also often the state's most essential workers.

Existing resources such as the Free Care Program may work well enough during ordinary times, but these are extraordinary times. In the words of one community member, "It does very little good to have the policies...if people don't know about them." This pandemic calls for wider distribution of up-to-date information and messaging, all of which have the potential to save the lives of undocumented and uninsured individuals during this pandemic.

We share the same public health goals of reducing the spread of the virus, preventing deaths, and mitigating other harms of this pandemic. We ask that YNHH ensure the health and safety of undocumented and immigrant individuals during this public health crisis by publicizing the following commitments, which shall hold true in all YNHH-affiliated hospitals and overflow spaces.

1. No individual who seeks care will be required to reveal their immigration status, nor will their immigration status be documented in the medical records.
2. Coronavirus testing will be free for all individuals regardless of insurance status.
3. No individual will be turned away from the hospital due to inability to pay or insurance status.
4. No uninsured individual admitted to the hospital for coronavirus-related care will be billed for inpatient services.
5. No ICE agent is permitted into YNHHS hospitals except under very limited circumstances. To protect our patients, hospital staff have been trained to refer any ICE agents to Designated Leads, to decline from revealing patient information, and to refuse searches without a warrant.
6. Individuals need not apply for insurance or public benefits in order to receive the above protections.

In solidarity,

Organizations signing in endorsement

Connecticut Mutual Aid

The People's Medics of New Haven

HAVEN Free Clinic

Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services

The Semilla Collective

Unidad Latina en Acción (ULA)

Junta for Progressive Action

Middlesex Immigrant Rights Alliance (MIRA)

Uniting for a Safe Inclusive Community - Manchester

Yale School of Medicine Committee for Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice (CDISJ)

Hypertension Awareness and Prevention Program at Yale (HAPPY)

Step Up Yale

Yale Law School Immigrant Justice Project

Yale Law School Latino/a Law Students Association

Yale Law School Asian Pacific American Law Students Association Executive Board 2020-2021

National Lawyers Guild

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