The Rights of Undocumented Patients

- Undocumented patients should not be forced to provide any information about their immigration status against their will.

- Health care providers should not ask about a patient's immigration status, but should ask about a country of origin when clinically appropriate.

- The government avoids immigration enforcement actions at hospitals and health clinics.

- Information provided by individuals in the process of applying for health insurance cannot be used for immigration enforcement.

State and Local Resources
Connecticut’s Health Care for Children & Adults
www.ct.gov/hh/site/default.asp
1-877-CT-HUSKY (1-877-284-8759)

Center for Children’s Advocacy
Medical-Legal Partnership

cca-ct.org/mlpp
860-570-5327

Offices located at:
Connecticut Children’s Medical Center
860-545-8581

St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center
860-714-1412

Yale-New Haven Hospital
203-688-0113

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Healthcare Information for Immigrants
Health Insurance

• Immigrant families may obtain coverage for eligible family members.

• Health insurance plans require citizenship or immigrant status information only for the person who is applying for coverage.

• Patients do not need to provide their immigration status if they are not applying for insurance for themselves.

Translation Services

• Patients have a right to an interpreter when seeking medical care and applying for health insurance at no cost.

Identification

• Patients should not have to show a photo identification to receive medical treatment.

• Patients should not have to provide a Social Security number (SSN) to obtain medical care or health insurance. Only patients who have a valid SSN are required to provide one.

Family Preparedness Plan

• Patients who are worried about being detained or deported should designate a standby guardian to take care of their child.

• A standby guardian had the legal authority to make medical and educational decisions for the child.

• There is no cost to fill out a Standby Guardian Designation form, and it neither requires a court visit nor use of a notary. It does require two witnesses.

• Patients should give a completed copy of this form to their child’s health care provider and school.

Questions about your patient’s rights?

Contact the Center for Children’s Advocacy Medical-Legal Partnership Project

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All children in Connecticut should be treated regardless of whether they are insured, their ability to pay, or their immigrant status.

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