

## 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](http://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](http://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 stand-by 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.

For more information:  
<http://portal.ct.gov/FamilyPreparedness>

## Questions about your patient's rights?

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

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should be treated  
regardless of  
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their ability to pay,  
or their immigrant status.**