



Children's HealthWatch, a network of pediatricians and child health experts, celebrates the recent withdrawal of several previously proposed or finalized rules that threatened the health, well-being, and stability of children across the United States. Specifically, we applaud the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for taking action to [revoke](#) the proposed harmful revision of categorical eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for [restoring](#) Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) definitions and [withdrawing](#) a proposed rule that would have negatively impacted mixed immigration status families in public or subsidized housing. Together – and in concert with [steps already taken by the Administration](#) to reverse other harmful rules and [stabilize families](#) – these actions signal a strong commitment to expand and restore benefits for families and reduce racial and economic inequities.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the USDA announced their withdrawal of proposed revisions to the broad based categorical eligibility rule in SNAP following thousands of comments – [including those from Children's HealthWatch](#) – demonstrating how proposed changes would jeopardize the food security and health of millions of children and families. The provision maintained allows families to save money when possible and steadily increase their income without a sudden loss of SNAP. By withdrawing this harmful proposal, the USDA has protected an estimated 3.1 million Americans – including 1.2 million children – from losing SNAP benefits, and enabled another 1 million children to [maintain access to free school meals](#).

On the same day, HUD published an interim final rule to restore the statutory definition of AFFH and some certifications that were removed from the 2015 AFFH rule by the previous Administration. This restoration is a significant first step to enforce and protect fair housing, and we look forward to working with HUD to implement further changes that give communities concrete and effective tools and guidance to further fair housing.

HUD's decision comes on the heels of its withdrawal of another [discriminatory housing proposal](#) known as the "mixed-status" rule, which would have led to the eviction and/or separation of 25,000 families with immigrant members – including 55,000 children eligible for assistance – living in public or subsidized housing. By putting an end to this proposal, HUD has ensured that these families can maintain housing and pursue assistance for which they are eligible without fear or the consequences of housing instability and potential homelessness.