

H.R. 1 AND IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

Impacts on Essential Programs

H.R. 1, signed by President Trump on July 4, 2025, will negatively affect the well-being of children in Colorado, particularly those in immigrant families. The law—officially enacted as Public Law 119-21—reflects a trend of immigrant exclusion and limited access to essential programs and services. Areas impacted by the new law include health care, food access, taxes, and immigration enforcement. The chart below highlights select immigration provisions that will affect immigrant communities in Colorado.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS		
DATE	PROGRAM/ENTITY	DATE
Effective Nov. 1, 2025 , according to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidance. However, it is still unknown when Colorado will begin implementing the change. Current SNAP recipients remain eligible until their next recertification.	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service	Ends SNAP eligibility for some lawfully present immigrants, including refugees, asylees, and victims of trafficking. Limits SNAP eligibility to U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals; lawful permanent residents (green card holders); immigrants granted status as Cuban or Haitian Entrants; or individuals lawfully residing in the United States under the Compacts of Free Association (COFA) between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau.
Effective Jan. 1, 2026	Affordable Care Act (ACA), administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Removes premium tax credits during periods of Medicaid ineligibility due to immigration status. Lawfully present immigrants with household incomes below 100% of the federal poverty level who are ineligible for Medicaid because of immigration status will no longer be eligible for premium tax credits under the Marketplace starting Jan. 1, 2026. Recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) will be excluded from Marketplace coverage and premium tax credits effective Aug. 25, 2025.
Effective Oct. 1, 2026	Emergency Medicaid , administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Eliminates enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for Emergency Medicaid. Limits federal matching payments for Emergency Medicaid for individuals who would otherwise be eligible for Medicaid expansion coverage, except for their immigration status, to the state's base FMAP.

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Effective Oct. 1, 2026	Medicaid/CHIP administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)	Amends the federal funding match for "qualified immigrants" Restricts which qualified immigrants are eligible for federal Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding. Refugees, humanitarian parolees, asylum grantees, certain abused spouses and children, trafficking victims, and other noncitizens would no longer be eligible to receive federal Medicaid and CHIP funding.
Effective tax year 2025	Child Tax Credit (CTC)	Restricts access to federal Child Tax Credit for children with Social Security numbers (SSNs) if their parent does not have an SSN. Removes Child Tax Credit (CTC) eligibility from children who have one or more guardians who use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITINs) or do not have an SSN, even if the child is a U.S. citizen and has an SSN. Claimed children are also required to have an SSN for a family to receive the federal CTC.

STATE PROGRAMS	
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<u>OmniSalud</u>	OmniSalud coverage spots will be reduced to 6,700. Currently, 12,000 Coloradans participate in OmniSalud and may enter the lottery, which will determine who receives coverage. The application window runs from Nov. 1–16, with the first-round selection on Nov. 17, 2025. Anyone selected must sign up for coverage before Dec. 15, 2025.
<u>Cover All Coloradans</u>	Program enrollment for Cover All Coloradans is higher than projected, with 20,833 Coloradans enrolled as of October 2025. There have been no proposed rollbacks to coverage , but lawmakers are expected to address the higher-than-expected enrollment in the 2026 session.