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Title: A Call for Guidelines to Manage ICE Threats in Health Care Settings

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WHEREAS, undocumented and uninsured individuals disproportionately receive their health-care services at federally qualified health centers (FQHC); and

WHEREAS, under the current administration, federal immigration and customs enforcement (ICE) have announced a 400 percent increase in agency operations focusing on workplaces such as FQHCs; and¹

WHEREAS, The California Values Act, Senate Bill 54, establishes FQHCs under the category of “safe zones,” and requires that employers protect immigration status of patients and employers in the event of an ICE raid; and²

WHEREAS, The Immigrant Worker Protection Act, AB450, prevents ICE from entering health care settings without a judicial warrant; and³

WHEREAS, most FQHC settings do not currently have protocols or trainings in place to prepare for ICE raids; and

WHEREAS, ICE raids and threats of raids have a known significant impact on mental health of patients and workers and also prevent patient access to care; and⁴

WHEREAS, as family physicians we aim to support the psychological health of our patients and minimize undue trauma and psychological harm; and

¹ <http://money.cnn.com/2018/01/15/news/economy/ice-immigration-work-site-crackdown/index.html>

² https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB54

³ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=200120020AB540

⁴ Lopez, W. D., Kruger, D. J., Delva, J., Llanes, M., Ledón, C., Waller, A., ... & Israel, B. (2017). Health implications of an immigration raid: findings from a Latino community in the Midwestern United States. *Journal of immigrant and minority health, 19*(3), 702-708.

WHEREAS, in clinics/hospitals that have coordinated rapid response protocols for ICE raids in place, patients are less likely to be detained unlawfully, and less likely to be separated from their families; and

WHEREAS, as family doctors, our fundamental aim is to protect the health and integrity of families; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the CAFP create or endorse a policy that clarifies the legal rights of physicians, health care workers and patients relating to ICE raids in health care settings and that the CAFP distribute this policy among CAFP members, including but not limited to members practicing in Federally Qualified Health Centers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the CAFP create or endorse a toolkit and protocol, similar to Code Blue, with the scripts, roles, and algorithms for health care staff (legal observer, recorder, video recorder, etc.) to use when responding to an ICE raid in a health care setting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the CAFP create or endorse a plan, including a script and templates for print, that healthcare organizations can use to communicate information with their communities following an ICE raid; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the CAFP advocate for the addition of civils rights and immigration policy curricula to California residencies.