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National Hispanic Medical Association Opposes Immigration Enforcement in Hospitals, Schools and Places of Worship

As the leading Hispanic medical association, we believe hospitals and schools must be safe

The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) strongly opposes the Trump administration's decision on January 21, to end a policy that protected vulnerable communities by barring Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents from making arrests in "sensitive areas," including healthcare settings, schools, and places of worship. As an organization representing Latino physicians and healthcare professionals, we are deeply concerned that dismantling this crucial safeguard will hurt the patients our members took an oath to protect. Healthcare settings, such as hospitals, are vital for providing essential services. This action will instill fear, preventing ALL patients—regardless of their race/ethnicity or background—from seeking the care they desperately need.

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***The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)** is a non-profit organization representing the interests of over 50,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the United States. NHMA aims to improve the health of Hispanic and other underserved populations through advocacy, research, and education. By addressing the unique healthcare challenges faced by these communities, NHMA strives to achieve health equity for all.*