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'IT'S A NIGHTMARE FOR THEM'

Mohamed Anwar, executive director of the Burmese Rohingya Community of Wisconsin, stands for a portrait at the religious, education and cultural center on the afternoon of May 18 in Milwaukee. HANNAH SCHROEDER/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Refugees waiting on green cards scrambling in wake of Medicaid and SNAP cuts

"Folks who are coming in with this status are not going to be given basic support for food, in a brand new country, after surviving some horrific atrocity in their lives. It's unimaginable that this specific group of people is being targeted for removal of these benefits."

Valerie MacMillan, Executive director of NourishMKE

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Faced with the reality that hundreds of Milwaukee refugees who are waiting for their green cards will lose food and health care benefits in the coming months, some families have been coming to Omar Mohamed with questions he can't answer.

"Why is the government doing this? They know where we came from. They know our situation. They brought us here," Mohamed, the director of Lutheran Social Services' resettlement program, said one client told him. Refugees are legal immigrants resettled by the U.S. government.

The coming cuts to FoodShare and Medicaid for refugees and other legal immigrants - permanent changes as part of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act - will create gaps in nutrition and health care that will put serious stress on Milwaukee's non-profit aid system, advocates say. Groups are now scrambling to build a support network before the cuts take effect.

Starting July 1, FoodShare cuts will begin to take effect, depending on a person's renewal date. FoodShare is the state's version of the federal Supple-

mental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. People with FoodShare and Medicaid will lose both benefits by Oct. 1.

About 7,200 people in Wisconsin will lose their benefits as a result of the new law, and 63% of them live in Milwaukee County, according to the state Department of Health Services. Most of the rest live in population centers such as Dane, Brown and Outagamie counties.

Children and pregnant mothers will continue to be able to eligible for Medicaid. They will not be eligible for food benefits.

Among the other legal immigrants also losing eligibility: people who have won their asylum cases, people granted humanitarian parole, such as Afghan evacuees and Ukrainians, and trafficking victims.

The policy targets newly arrived refugees, who often work factory jobs on hourly wages and support large families. And with prices high, many just starting out in the U.S. find it hard to afford rent, utilities, food and health insurance on their own, resettlement leaders said.

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Judge allows CPS record in Timothy Hauschultz case

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MANITOWOC - The Calumet County judge overseeing Timothy Hauschultz's criminal case in the 2018 death of 7-year-old Ethan Hauschultz has ordered that a Child Protective Services record be shared with his attorneys.

Judge rules CPS record can be shared with Timothy Hauschultz defense attorneys

During a May 20 motion hearing, Judge Carey Reed said the Child Protective Services document can be shared with Hauschultz's attorneys, Donna Kuchler and Bradley Novreske, while remaining confidential.

Before that hearing, Manitowoc County District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre had not shared the record because of concerns about confidentiality if it were used in the court case.

The contents of the record and how it may be used during Hauschultz's trial have not been disclosed.

Timothy Hauschultz trial in Ethan Hauschultz death is set for October

Hauschultz, 55, is accused of ordering the punishment that led to Ethan Hauschultz's death.

Timothy Hauschultz's trial has been delayed multiple times since his 2019 arrest, largely because of questions about Damian Hauschultz's availability to testify.

Damian Hauschultz resentencing could affect Timothy Hauschultz trial timeline

Damian Hauschultz is Ethan's older cousin and foster brother. Prosecutors say he carried out the punishment that caused Ethan's death while acting under orders from his father, Timothy Hauschultz. Damian was 14 at the time.

Damian Hauschultz pleaded guilty in 2021 to first-degree reckless homicide in Ethan's death. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison followed by 10 years of extended supervision, but later sought to withdraw his plea, citing a conflict of interest involving the original trial judge. Prosecutors agreed, and a resentencing hearing for Damian L. Hauschultz, 22, has been

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