

Statement from IHI in Response to Trump Administration’s Executive Order on Immigration

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The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) shares the widespread concern about the White House’s January 27, 2017, executive order restricting immigration from specific countries. We fear that it has consequences that run counter to our long-held organizational values, most notably inclusion, equity, diversity, generosity, and that above all, “people matter.” We are concerned about the ability of trusted partners to travel freely to the US to seek and share knowledge, and about the potential impact on the physical and mental health of refugees faced with even greater uncertainty.

Founded 27 years ago in the US, IHI has grown into a global organization, working closely with governments, health systems, communities, frontline clinicians, and improvement leaders in every region of the world. Improving care in an interconnected world depends on the free exchange of ideas and people across national boundaries.

IHI remains deeply committed to our vision that everyone, everywhere has the best care and health possible. We will continue to work closely and collaboratively with our global partners in every corner of the world, and to support the movement of ideas and people in pursuit of these aims.

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