

CVT Dismayed by Trump Administration's Final Rule Allowing Indefinite Detention of Children

ST. PAUL, Minn. & WASHINGTON—The Trump administration will officially publish the finalized regulations to the *Flores* Settlement Agreement on Friday, August 23. The rule allows the government to detain children *indefinitely*, while removing independent oversight designed to ensure facilities detaining children meet minimum standards.

CVT has cautioned the administration that indefinite detention, particularly when prolonged, can **cause** such severe and protracted health problems that it rises to the level of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment on adults. The effect will be significantly amplified on children, as the impact of detention on children is especially acute.

“It is outrageous that, despite all of the evidence presented, the Trump administration has decided to eliminate a standard that was set in place to protect children’s mental and physical wellbeing. The administration’s choice to ignore the advice of health professionals rises to the level of recklessness and will endanger the lives of children brought to the United States by individuals seeking refuge,” said Andrea Cárcamo, CVT senior policy counsel.

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