



California v. McAleenan (C.D. Cal.)

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Issue

The issue in this case is whether a newly enacted regulation of the Department of Homeland Security (HHS), entitled *Apprehension, Processing, Care, and Custody of Alien Minors and Unaccompanied Alien Children* (the New Regulation), is valid.

AMA Interest

The AMA seeks to prevent the negative impact that long term detention has on the physical, mental, and emotional health of detained children.

Case Summary

Shortly after publication of the New Regulation, twenty states plus the District of Columbia brought this lawsuit, seeking a declaration that the New Regulation is invalid. On August 30, 2019, the plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction.

Before the *California v. McAleenan* court could rule on the preliminary injunction, the *Flores v. Barr* district court held the New Regulation invalid. As a matter of judicial economy and pursuant to the parties' stipulation, the *California v. McAleenan* court stayed further proceedings in the present case until resolution of *Flores v. Barr*.

AMA Involvement

The AMA joined the California Medical Association, several specialty medical societies, and other health care organizations in an *amicus* brief to support (the now-stayed) motion of the plaintiffs for preliminary injunction.

United States District Court for the Central District of California Brief