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WHAT DOES THE DACA REPEAL MEAN?

On September 5, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the Trump Administration's repeal of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).¹ This document addresses the implications of this repeal.²

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR DACA

 The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will no longer accept first-time DACA applications filed on or after September 6, 2017.

FOR THOSE WITH PENDING DACA APPLICATIONS

 DHS will process and render decisions on first-time DACA applications received through September 5, 2017.

FOR CURRENT DACA RECIPIENTS

- DHS will honor current DACA grants and associated work permits through their expiration dates.
- For current DACA recipients whose authorizations expire between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018, DHS accepted DACA renewal applications received through October 5, 2017. DHS is no longer accepting renewal applications.
- Recipients whose DACA authorizations expire on or after March 6, 2018 are also unable to renew their authorizations.
- Given the devastation of Hurricane Maria, USCIS will consider on a case-by-case basis DACA requests received after the deadline from U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico residents.
- Once DACA recipients' authorizations expire, they will become subject to removal like other removable individuals.

FOR CURRENT DACA RECIPIENTS APPLYING FOR OR IN RECEIPT OF ADVANCE PAROLE

- DHS will no longer approve DACA recipients' applications for advance parole. Advance Parole allows DACA recipients to travel abroad without losing their DACA status.
- DHS will honor DACA recipients' previously approved advance parole applications.

NOTES ON LEGAL SERVICES FOR DACA RECIPIENTS

- The Executive Office of Immigration Review has compiled a list of free or low-cost legal service providers operating in each state: <u>https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers</u>.³
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services offers tips on avoiding victimization by "notarios" unlicensed to practice law: <u>https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams</u>.⁴

¹Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Attorney General Sessions Delivers Remarks on DACA (Sep. 5, 2017); available at: https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-sessions-delivers-remarks-daca

² DHS Memorandum, *Memorandum on Rescission Of Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals* (DACA) (Sep. 5, 2017); available at: <u>https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/09/05/memorandum-rescission-daca</u>.

³ EOIR Webpage, *List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers* (Jun. 12, 2017); available at: <u>https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers</u>

⁴ USCIS Webpage, Avoid Scams (Mar. 6, 2017); available at: <u>https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams</u>.