

## **Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project (RICAP) Advisory: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Renewal Applications**

On January 9, 2019, the federal district court issued an injunction in *Dept. of Homeland Security v. Regents of the Univ. of CA* directing the Trump Administration to resume accepting renewal applications for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Throughout the past two years this case has worked its way through the federal appellate system. **This summer, the Supreme Court of the United States agreed to hear an appeal of the Ninth Circuit's decision to permit DACA renewals for individuals currently and previously enrolled in the DACA program. The hearing has been scheduled for November 12, 2019.**

Sometime after the hearing, the Supreme Court will issue a decision. It is possible that the decision will permit the government to immediately stop accepting DACA renewal applications. Because there is no way to be certain when a decision will be issued or whether the injunction will remain in place, **all DACA recipients are strongly encouraged to consider renewing their DACA status prior to November 12, 2019.**

**Rutgers is here to support you.** All Rutgers students with questions regarding whether to renew their DACA status or who need renewal assistance should reach out to RICAP Immigrant Rights Attorney, Jason Hernandez, at [RICAP-Info@law.rutgers.edu](mailto:RICAP-Info@law.rutgers.edu) or 856-225-2302.

- All consultations are at no cost to the student.
- Students seeking financial support for the USCIS filing fee should reach out to RICAP for assistance locating emergency funds.
- Beyond November 12, 2019, RICAP will continue to assist students with filing applications as long as the government continues to accept them.

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**Please be advised that no first-time DACA applications will be accepted by the government.** Only individuals who have received DACA previously may renew at this time. Individuals whose DACA expired prior to September 5, 2016, **may** be able to renew but should contact RICAP for legal advice.

**Advance parole to travel abroad remains unavailable.** Since September 5, 2017, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) stopped granting DACA recipients permission to travel abroad through advance parole. The federal court order has not changed this policy.

\*This advisory is dated October 1, 2019 and is subject to change. It is not a substitute for individualized legal advice. The above information is derived from <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-response-january-2018-preliminary-injunction> and [https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral\\_arguments/calendars/MonthlyArgumentCalNovember2019.html](https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/calendars/MonthlyArgumentCalNovember2019.html)