



# NYU Immigrant Defense Initiative

## DACA UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

On September 5, 2017, the Trump Administration announced the termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program, but it's not over yet. What does this mean for you and your loved ones who have DACA? Here's what we know based on today's statements from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS):

- 1) Current DACA beneficiaries will be permitted to retain their Deferred Action and Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) until they expire, or unless they are terminated or revoked. EADs are generally valid for two years.
- 2) DACA holders whose benefits expire between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018 will be able to file for renewal until October 5, 2017. Applications received after October 5, 2017 will be rejected. We urge DACA holders who will be filing for renewal between now and October 5, 2017, to consult with us or another qualified attorney.
- 3) Currently pending initial or renewal DACA requests will be adjudicated "on a case by case basis." We hope that the continued pressure from DACA beneficiaries and their supporters will result in consistent and fair adjudications of pending applications.
- 4) No new requests for travel authorization will be granted. Requests that were filed and are pending will be closed and the fees refunded.
- 5) Currently valid travel authorization documents will remain valid until they expire, or are terminated and revoked. We urge DACA beneficiaries with travel authorization to consult with us or another qualified attorney, however, before traveling out of the United States.
- 6) According to the statements issued today by DHS, DACA holders whose benefits expire will not automatically be referred to removal proceedings unless they meet the criteria for enforcement issued under the Obama administration. DHS may, however, amend this criteria at any time.

We encourage anyone in the NYU community with DACA or with immediate relatives or partners who are concerned about DACA to schedule a **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** consultation with the **Immigrant Defense Initiative** by calling (212) 998-6640 or emailing [immigrant.defense@law.nyu.edu](mailto:immigrant.defense@law.nyu.edu). To learn more about the NYU Immigrant Defense Initiative visit: [www.law.nyu.edu/immigrantrightsclinic/idi](http://www.law.nyu.edu/immigrantrightsclinic/idi)