

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Statement on the Department of Health and Human Services Final Rule To Expand Health Insurance Coverage for Recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program

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Today my administration is expanding affordable, quality health care coverage to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. "Dreamers" are our loved ones, our nurses, teachers, and small-business owners. And they deserve the promise of health care just like all of us.

Nearly 12 years ago, President Obama and I announced the DACA program to allow our young people to live and work in the only country they've called home. Since then, DACA has provided more than 800,000 Dreamers with the ability to work lawfully, pursue an education, and contribute their immense talents to make our communities better and stronger.

I'm proud of the contributions of Dreamers to our country and committed to providing Dreamers the support they need to succeed. That's why I've previously directed the Department of Homeland Security to take all appropriate actions to "preserve and fortify" DACA. And that's why today we are taking this historic step to ensure that DACA recipients have the same access to health care through the Affordable Care Act as their neighbors.

On day one of my administration, I sent a comprehensive immigration reform plan to Congress to protect Dreamers and their families. Only Congress can provide Dreamers permanent status and a pathway to citizenship. Congress must act.

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