Dear Coordinators & Directors,

Below you will find updates and information on the following topics: I. New UCImm staff members; II. UCImm first-time DACA application stats; III. Status of the new proposed rule for DACA; IV. U.S. Democrats’ federal budget resolution package includes a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants; V. California policy updates; and VI. ICYMI: ICE directed to protect vulnerable immigrants; TPS registration updates; ILRC How to Avoid Fraud; ILRC DACA Toolbox; The Biden Administration Blueprint for a Fair, Orderly and Humane Immigration System.

I. New UCImm staff members

UCImm has welcomed three new staff members to the team! Our new legal fellows are Sarah Domenick, who will serve UC Santa Cruz, and Sergio Giro, who will serve UC Merced. Ignacio Figueroa joins our support staff as a paralegal. While we are still considered small (but mighty) with a staff of just 16, we are immensely grateful for the ability to strategically grow. Welcome Ignacio, Sarah, and Sergio!

II. UCImm first-time DACA application stats

Since DACA initial applications re-opened in December 2020, our center has filed 198 client applications. Due to high demand, we have also received legal services support from pro bono attorneys outside of our organization on 32 applications, in addition to our 198. Of these 230 total applications filed, 37 were approved and none were denied. We currently have approximately 36 open cases that have not yet been filed.

III. Status of the new proposed rule for DACA

Currently, the new proposed rule (i.e., proposed regulation) for DACA is under review at the Executive Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). DHS’ next step will be to publish the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to the Federal Register; the published NPRM will contain details explaining how the new DACA program would work. At that time, individuals and institutions will have the opportunity to comment on the NPRM. DHS will then analyze the comments and develop a final rule. Click here to learn more about the rulemaking process.
IV. **U.S. Democrats’ federal budget resolution package includes a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants**

On August 9, [Senate Democrats introduced a $3.5 trillion Budget Resolution](https://towardsdatascience.com/). Committees are now tasked with writing legislation to fulfill the budget spending targets by September 15. The plan instructs the Judiciary Committee to address "lawful permanent status for qualified immigrants", though it is not clear which groups or how many individuals will be affected.

The budget also includes instructions to develop legislation for combating climate change—which disproportionately impacts more vulnerable groups such as immigrant communities, creating universal pre-K for 3- and 4-year-olds, providing tuition-free community college, and funding historically black colleges and universities.

As previously explained in our UCImm May newsletter, utilizing [budget reconciliation](https://www.bipartisanpolicy.org/budget-reconciliation/) to push progressive plans forward allows the legislation to be put to a simple majority vote (51 to 49), avoiding [filibuster](https://www.nationalreview.com/2020/06/resolution-reconciliation-legislation/) and the super majority vote (60 to 40) that is typically required to pass immigration legislation. Passing any legislation under budget reconciliation will require unanimous support from Democrats, as Republicans broadly reject the plan.

V. **California policy updates**

- The California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program (DSIG) is now up and running on a first-come, first-served basis. Up to 2,500 CADAA students with Cal Grant B can perform community or volunteer service to receive awards up to $3,000 per academic year. CSAC has published guidance materials for [students](https://www.csac.ca.gov/) and [institutions](https://www.csac.ca.gov/).

- Last month, Governor Newsom signed [AB 132](https://assembly.ca.gov/billtext.asp?bill=ab132), which includes a 2-year extension to existing law authorizing the UC to, "provide as scholarship . . . from nonstate [i.e. private] funds received for that purpose, to any of its enrolled students who meet eligibility requirements for that scholarship . . . " Notably, this includes undocumented non-AB540 students. The extension runs through June 30, 2023.

- Beginning May 1, 2022, [low-income Californians 50 and older will be eligible for Medi-Cal coverage regardless of immigration status](https://www.healthforall.org/).

VI. **ICYMI**

- **ICE directed to protect vulnerable immigrants, not to deport them:** Here is the [ICE announcement](https://www.ice.gov/) and [updated policy](https://www.ice.gov/).
- **TPS registration periods have been extended for several countries:** Venezuela, Syria, Burma, Somalia, Yemen, and Haiti.
- [ILRC How to Avoid Fraud videos and flyers](https://www.ILRC.org/fraud)
- [ILRC DACA Toolbox](https://www.ILRC.org/daca)
- [The Biden Administration Blueprint for a Fair, Orderly and Humane Immigration System](https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/biden-administration-immigration)
As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,
The UC Immigrant Legal Services Center team