320 NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PRESIDENT BIDEN: KEEP YOUR CAMPAIGN PROMISE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE TO DACA RECIPIENTS

Organizations ask that Biden expand Obamacare to DACA recipients through regulation

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Washington, D.C.—Today, a coalition of 320 national, state, and local organizations representing fields including immigration, health, faith, civil rights, and other fields sent a <u>letter</u> to President Joseph R. Biden and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary-designate Xavier Becerra urging them to restore access to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) for current and future Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) holders. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing barriers to and inequities within the healthcare system; and DACA holders desperately need access to affordable healthcare, especially the <u>202,500</u> essential workers who hold DACA.

Read the full letter here.

Jose Magaña-Salgado, Director of the #ACA4DACA Campaign and DACA Holder:

"During the Presidential campaign debates, then-candidate Joe Biden raised his hand when asked whether he would provide health care coverage for undocumented immigrants. Directing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to rescind this misguided regulation and restore access to the Affordable Care Act to 650k current DACA recipients, and potentially upwards of 1.7 million DACA recipients in the future, represents this administration's first big test of whether Joe Biden will keep that promise. Critically, President Biden can restore ACA access to DACA holders *without* waiting for Congress—which he must do in light of the ongoing, worldwide COVID-19 pandemic."