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Medi-Cal Eligibility for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Immigration Document Samples

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Purpose:

To inform staff of DACA verification procedures, scope of benefits, and a sample of documentation.

Background:

Deferred Action status is considered Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL). DACA provides Deferred Action status to individuals who came to the U.S. under the age of 16 and meet certain guidelines such as school attendance and having no criminal record.

Policy:

- DACA individuals are considered lawfully present and are eligible to full-scope Medi-Cal if otherwise eligible.
- DACA individuals are not considered lawfully present for the purposes of purchasing insurance coverage through the health benefit exchange.

Verifying DACA

- Per MC13 policy in [MPG SN 13-09 addendum G](#), electronically verify DACA individuals' immigration status through the federal data Hub.
- If the immigration status cannot be verified via CalHEERS, submit a manual SAVE verification.
- If the SAVE process does not verify immigration status, grant with a 90-day Reasonable Opportunity Period (ROP) to provide verification and request the MC-13.
- DACA can be verified by an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with the status code "C-33" or a Form I-797 Notice of Action.
- Examples of the EAD and other common immigration documentation can be found in Medi-Cal [Desk Aid 78](#). **REMINDER:** these examples are not an exhaustive list of documents a lawfully present individual may have.

Granting Full-Scope Medi-Cal

CalHEERS is not programmed to grant full-scope Medi-Cal to individuals in DACA status. When an otherwise eligible DACA individual is granted a limited scope aid code, override to full-scope aid codes using the procedures in [eHIT Bulletin #16](#).

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