UCIMM's new website
UCIMM is proud to announce the launch of our new website, which features legal resources, campus resources, policy newsletters, and more. Individuals can also book an appointment and sign up for UCIMM updates--our first-ever mailing list outside of the Coordinator Listserv! Please note that the new url is ucimm.law.ucdavis.edu; our previous url will redirect to the new one.

UCIMM UCLA Staff Attorney position
UCLA is currently hiring for our UCLA Staff Immigration Attorney position. The deadline to apply is tomorrow, Friday, September 23. If you know anyone who would like to apply, please encourage them to do so by end of week, or watch for possible extension of the application deadline.

To apply, visit this webpage, click on "search jobs," and search for 37379 in the "requisition number" field.

CA Dream Act Service Incentive Grant (DSIG) Volunteer position
UCIMM has created its first DSIG student volunteer position, and we are currently accepting applications. General duties will include administrative tasks. For more information about the position and how to apply, please see our website's Join Our Team page. The deadline to apply is October 13.
**UCIMM Fall Welcome Webinar**

UCIMM will be hosting our first webinar of the academic year on Tuesday, October 18 from noon to 1:30pm. The webinar will include: a review of legal services offered by our Center, meet-and-greet with our new Executive Director, Aidin, updates on immigration policy, and as always, Q&A with UCIMM staff. **Register at tinyurl.com/UCIMM-Web-Oct18th.**

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**STATE POLICY UPDATES**

**SB 1141 - AB 540 expansion**

Earlier this month, **SB 1141** passed the Legislature and now Governor Newsom has until September 30th to sign or veto the bill. Unfortunately, the Assembly Appropriations Committee voted to maintain the three-year full-time attendance requirement for AB 540 eligibility, as it exists under current law; the original language of the Bill would have reduced this to two years. Significantly, **SB 1141 removes the two-year cap in credit courses that can be counted towards eligibility**, allowing students who are on track for AB 540 to enjoy more flexibility in the types of courses they wish to enroll in.
FEDERAL POLICY UPDATES

**DACA - Final Rule**
As you likely know, on August 30 DHS published the new rule that aims to protect DACA from ongoing litigation by incorporating it into the Federal Regulations. As discussed in our recent FAQ, the regulation limits DACA eligibility to the requirements outlined in the memorandum that first created the policy. Additionally, the ongoing litigation challenging the legality of DACA means that even those who meet the requirements of DACA but did not or could not apply as first-time applicants before the federal injunction went into place in 2017 are still blocked from receiving a determination about their eligibility. The "new rule" will take effect on October 31, 2022. Those who are eligible to renew are still encouraged to do so 4-5 months before expiration.

Here are additional informational resources from United We Dream and Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), and a webinar presented in collaboration by ILRC, the CSU and CCCs Chancellor's Offices, and the Foundation for CCCs.

**Public Charge - Final Rule**
On September 9, DHS also announced a new rule on public charge, which will take effect on December 23, 2022. Like the DACA final rule, the public charge rule also codifies longstanding guidance that the Trump administration sought to undermine.

Public charge is a test to determine if someone applying for a green card or a visa to enter the U.S. is likely to become primarily dependent on the government for subsistence, as demonstrated through receipt of cash aid or long-term institutionalization. The only programs that can be considered in a public charge determination are Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance, state and locally funded cash assistance for income maintenance, and long-term institutional care paid for by Medicaid. Use of Medi-Cal, Cal Fresh, and public housing benefits will not be considered, nor will student aid, unemployment, or disability.

Importantly, many immigrants are not even subject to public charge, including those who have DACA or are applying for renewal, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), U visa, T visa, asylum, refugee status, TPS, and others. People who already have green cards are generally not subject to the public charge rule when they renew their green cards or apply for U.S. citizenship. The public charge rule primarily applies to people applying for a green card based on a family petition.

Additionally, the rule includes the possibility of paying a bond to overcome a finding of public charge, with a minimum bond of $1000.
For more information, Protecting Immigrant Families (PIF) is a good source for multilingual information related to public charge and public benefits generally.

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On September 7, DHS announced the re-registration process for current Venezuela Temporary Protected Status (TPS) beneficiaries. The registration period closes on November 7, 2022.

Article: Los Angeles Times - Shut Out of DACA, and Traditional Jobs, Young Immigrants Start Businesses to Get Ahead

Instagram Live with our new ED, Aidin Castillo Mazantini: Last week, Aidin answered questions about what it was like to be an undocumented student when she attended UC Davis, what advice she has for students without DACA, and what her thoughts are on the future of DACA and immigration reform.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thank you,

The UC Immigrant Legal Services Center team

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