

## The HEAL for Immigrant Families Act

**The Health Equity and Access Under the Law (HEAL) for Immigrant Families Act** (H.R. 3149/S. 1660) supports access to health care for immigrant communities. The bill would ensure that immigrants can access affordable health care regardless of how long they have been in the United States or the immigration status they have been granted.

Because of harmful xenophobic rhetoric surrounding immigrant communities and policy barriers intentionally designed to push needed care out of reach, immigrants are forced to navigate a patchwork of care that often forces them to pay out-of-pocket for basic health services. These barriers—which disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, and other immigrants of color—also limit access to contraceptive care, maternity care, and other preventive sexual and reproductive health care services for immigrant communities.

The HEAL for Immigrant Families Act would remove unnecessary barriers to health care access for immigrant families by:

- Ensuring access to public and affordable health coverage for Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients;
- Restoring enrollment to Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance
- Allowing undocumented immigrants to purchase health insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace and obtain premium-tax credits and cost-sharing reductions.

On May 12, 2020, Reps. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) and Nanette Barragán (D-CA) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) introduced The HEAL for Immigrant Families Act simultaneously in the U.S. House and Senate. We need federal legislation that expands access to the basic care that immigrant families need and deserve. The HEAL Act would help us realize a future where reproductive freedom and access to healthcare is a reality for every body, regardless of their documentation or status.

*For more information on the HEAL for Immigrant Families Act, please visit the National Pacific American Women’s Forum website at [napawf.org/heal](https://napawf.org/heal).*