

Patient:

Okay, I understand. DAPA and the expansion of DACA no longer exist and are not likely to pass any time soon. But I think I might be eligible for the **original** DACA program – the one created in 2012. Can I still apply for that?

Provider:

Yes, but I strongly recommend that you meet with an immigration advocate to confirm that you are eligible before doing anything else. Any contact with the immigration system involves risks.

Patient:

Thanks. One more question: my cousin applied for DAPA with help from a friend in his neighborhood who is a lawyer. How could he do that if DAPA does not exist?

Provider:

Your cousin may have been deceived by someone. This has happened to many people, unfortunately. Anyone who advertises that they can submit DAPA applications to the U.S. government is not telling the truth.

As covered in the Woonsocket Patch:

Woonsocket Mom and Daughters Charged with Scamming \$800,000 from Illegal Immigrants

Federal investigators said a woman and her two daughters took money from people with no lawful status and threatened to have them deported.

By MARK SCHIELDROP (Patch Staff) July 21, 2015

If you have questions or concerns, contact an attorney who is an expert in immigration law — not just any attorney!

How to confirm that someone is licensed to practice law in Massachusetts:
<http://massbbo.org/bbolookup.php>

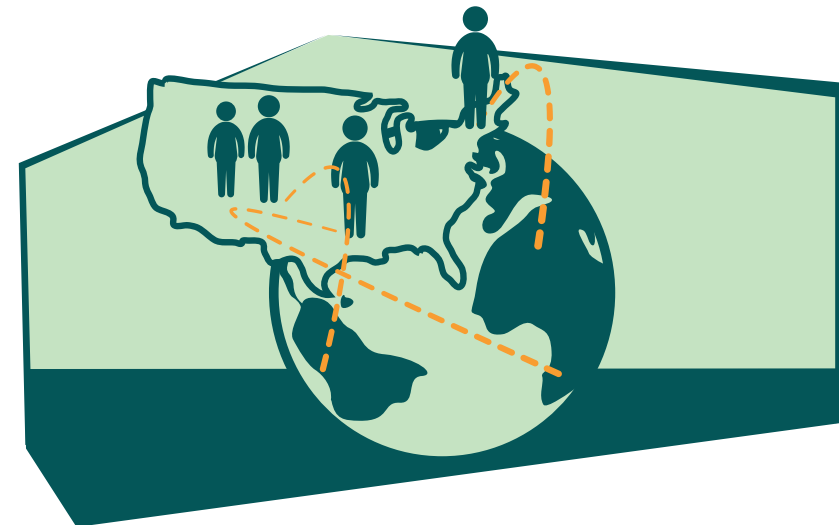
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Patient:
I heard there is a new immigration law that can help me and my family. How can we apply?



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Provider:
Actually, that is not true. Immigration has been in the news a lot this year, but there is no new law at this time. Many people are confused about this.

Patient:
I thought President Obama created a new path to legal status for some immigrants?



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Provider:
He tried. Here is a timeline of what happened:



June 2012

Obama issues Executive Order creating DACA

DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)

- An opportunity for eligible people to get deferred action and employment authorization for 2 years.
- To be eligible, one must have been born no earlier than June 15, 1981; entered the U.S. before turning age 16; and lived in the U.S. continuously since June 15, 2007.

Is **Deferred Action** the same as getting a green card or becoming a citizen?

No. Deferred action allows a person to remain in the U.S. legally for a period of time without fear of deportation. However, it is not permanent status. One can lose Deferred Action if a new President's administration decides to eliminate it; then one is "on the radar" and risks deportation.

November 2014

Obama issues Executive Order intending to create DAPA and expand DACA

DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents)

- Designed as a new opportunity for eligible people to get deferred action and employment authorization for 3 years.

February 2015

A federal court in Texas blocked implementation of the 2014 order. The Obama Administration appealed this decision.

May 2015

The federal appeals court upheld the lower court's decision. The Obama Administration appealed again.

July 2015

The federal appeals court upheld the decision again. The Obama Administration appealed the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

June 2016

United States v. Texas

A tied vote at the Supreme Court upholds the earlier courts' decisions to block the implementation of DAPA and expansion of DACA.