

# The Health Equity and Access Under the Law (HEAL) for Immigrant Families Act

#### What is HEAL?

★ The Health Equity and Access Under the Law for Immigrant Families Act, or HEAL, is bold federal legislation that aims to support access to health care for immigrant families. In the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, HEAL was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) and Rep. Nanette Barragán (D-CA) and in the U.S. Senate by Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ).

#### What does HEAL do?

- ★ If passed, HEAL would remove political interference and restore coverage so that immigrants in the U.S. can participate in health care programs. Specifically, HEAL would:
  - Restore enrollment to full-benefit Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance
    Program (CHIP) to all federally authorized immigrants who are otherwise eligible.
  - Remove the exclusion of undocumented immigrants from accessing health insurance coverage on the Affordable Care Act's health insurance exchanges.
  - Ensure access to public health insurance for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

### Why is HEAL important for young people?

- ★ Immigrant justice is Reproductive Justice. For all people to make healthy and autonomous decisions about their bodies, families, and communities, they must be able to access important and basic resources like health care.
- ★ HEAL would work to ensure that young people who are immigrants and their families have access to health care coverage.

## What can you do?

★ <u>Contact your legislators</u> and ask them to join HEAL as a cosponsor. If your legislators are already a cosponsor, ask them to get their colleagues to join as well!

To learn more information about HEAL and how you can support the organizations working for immigrant's access to health care, please visit the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) website at NAPAWF - National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum or the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice's website at National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice | NLIR| | Salud | Dignidad | Justicia