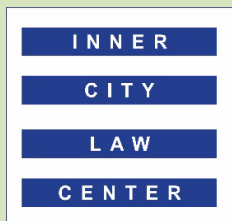


November 16, 2022

HDAP Ask an Attorney Monthly Meeting

Agenda:

- Focus Topic of the Month: Green Card Casserole – History of, and how to read, Lawful Permanent Residency documents
- Open Question & Answer
- Reminder: Benefits Helpline!

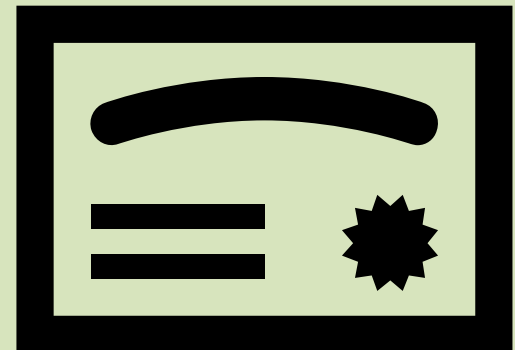


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Focus Topic of the Month:

Making Sense of Lawful Permanent Residency Documents

1. History of the LPR/ Green Card
2. Finding the Information You Need
3. Dealing with Expired Documents



Lawful Permanent Residency Basics

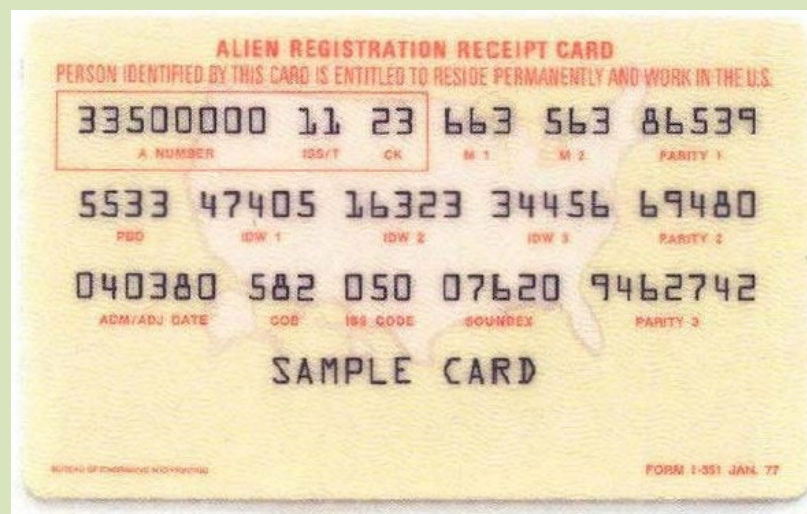
- **“Green Card” = Lawful Permanent Residency (LPR) document**
 - First cards were issued in the 1940s
 - Many different versions, some weren’t even green!
- **Every Card Will Have Information About:**
 - When client became a resident
 - How client became a resident
- **The Card Might Expire, But Residency Does Not**
 - An expired LPR card does NOT mean someone is undocumented
 - But SSA/ DPSS will only accept unexpired documents as proof of status
- **Do Not Try to Renew Your Client’s Expired Documents**
 - Renewing can be complicated legal work that puts you and client at risk!
 - Past success does not guarantee future results

The First LPR Card

- No Expiration Date
- Not Valid Proof of Residency Due to 1950s Update to Immigration Law
- It Was Too Easy to Counterfeit
- HDAP Workers Will Probably Never See One These



The Never Ending LPR Card



- Issued by DOJ 1977-1989
- Does not expire (even if the picture is really outdated!)
- Still valid, many older HDAP clients will have

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CARD EXPIRES

SAMPLE CARD

- Issued by DOJ / INS from 1989 -1997
- Expires after ten years
- Not accepted by SSA, but can be still useful for HDAP



Current Green Cards

- Issued by USCIS from 2010 - 2017
- Expires after ten years
- Some will be valid until 2027



- Issued by USCIS from 2017 – Present
- Expires after ten years
- All new and recently renewed LPR cards will be this version

You Do Not Need To Know Immigration Law!



What You Do Need to Know

- **Is this document expired?**
 - Remember: some don't expire
 - Did it expire within the last year?
- **When did client become a resident?**
 - This will be listed under "resident since"
 - Was client a resident before 8/22/1996?
 - Different eligibility rules apply, generally much easier for pre-'96 LPRs to get SSI (see Desk Guide Section 5 p. 21)
 - Has the client been a resident for five or fewer years?
 - If so, generally not going to get SSI without some exception

What You Do Need to Know pt. 2

- **How Did Client Become an LPR?**
 - Do NOT take Client's word for it!
 - Look for the alphanumeric "Category Code"
 - Match category code to Desk Guide chart (Section 5 p. 7)
 - Check the chart to see if client is a sponsored immigrant
- **Additional Information: Work History**
 - Depending on how & when client became an LPR, we may need to know about their work history
 - Won't be on the card
 - Can take client's word for it, rough estimate is fine here!

What You REALLY Need to Know

<http://www.changewellproject.com/benefits-helpline>

Send us your immigration questions!

- Front & back of card (if possible)
- Any information about work history (helpful, not always needed, but never annoying)

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HDAP Benefits Support Request

Please submit your question to Inner City Law Center for support on a Social Security or CAPI benefits question. We welcome general eligibility questions, questions about Social Security or CAPI program rules or procedures, and questions about application forms. This form is for HDAP (Housing & Disability Advocacy Program) grantees: including County staff, HDAP staff from tribal communities, and contracted community organizations.

What is your name? *

County or Tribal Community *
Which county or tribal community do you work for?

Select your answer

What is your position? *

Recently Expired LPR Cards

A Recently Expired LPR Card CAN Still Prove Residency If:

- The LPR Card expired within the last calendar year (1 year)
- Client has applied to renew the LPR Card
- Client has a receipt from USCIS stating they've received the application

**Then the LPR Card, presented with
the receipt, is valid for one more year
from the original expiration date
(not the date of the receipt)**





Questions about LPR Cards?

Please identify yourself: name, county, program

Do NOT identify the client: no full names or identifying health info

Remember: This is a judgment free zone, there are no bad questions!





General Questions!

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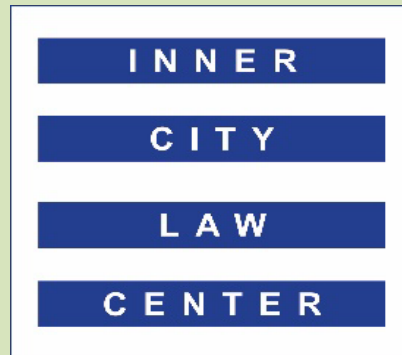
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Asking for Help

ICLC is here to help with your specific questions about SSI/SSDI and CAPI Benefits Advocacy.



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Next Month

Next Month:

December 21, 2022 at 2:00 pm

Good Cause for Late Filing – A
Holiday Miracle



Thank you and see you next week!