



*Note: While you cannot benefit from the CARECEN Settlement Agreement if you lack an order of removal or deportation, you may have other options to seek a green card. If you are in active removal proceedings, you may be able to apply for adjustment of status before the Immigration Judge. If your proceedings are administratively closed, you may be able to file a motion to recalendar and, once the proceedings are recalendared, seek adjustment of status before the Immigration Judge. Alternatively, you may seek dismissal of your proceedings in either of these scenarios and seek adjustment before USCIS.*

4. I traveled on advance parole granted to me by USCIS after my removal/deportation/exclusion order was issued.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

*Note: If you have not yet traveled on advance parole or traveled on or after August 20, 2020, and you have answered yes to Questions 1-3, you should immediately seek the advice of a legal practitioner to evaluate your case further. Under current USCIS policy, you may not be eligible for adjustment of status. However, that policy may change, and it may be possible to seek advance parole now in order to preserve the possibility of benefiting from this agreement in the future.*

If the answer to all four questions is **YES**, then you may be eligible for relief. Please consult the following list of steps.

### **What do I need to do to apply for my green card under the settlement?**

In order to seek your green card in the United States, the following steps are required. If you may be eligible under the settlement, you should take these steps as soon as possible.

1. You must complete the attached model joint motion to reopen and dismiss your prior removal order and send it to the ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) with jurisdiction over the Immigration Court that issued your prior order of removal or deportation. A list of regional ICE field offices can be found [here](#). Additional instructions can be found [here](#).
2. ICE OPLA should review the motion and return it to you within 90-120 days.
3. If ICE OPLA approves the motion, file the motion with the Immigration Court where the Immigration Judge issued your order of removal or deportation.
4. After the Immigration Judge rules on the motion, file a copy of that motion with your I-485 adjustment of status (green card) application with USCIS. Additional instructions

can be found [here](#), including instructions on what to do if you have an application that has already been denied.

### **Where can I go for more help?**

You may contact an immigration lawyer or non-profit agency that provides immigration services. The Department of Homeland Security provides information about finding legal assistance on its [websites](#). You may also call CARECEN at 202-328-9799 or send a message to [legal@carecencdc.org](mailto:legal@carecencdc.org). Due to the number of inquiries, it may take several days to receive a response, but all inquiries will receive a response.

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