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i ALERT: On Aug. 26, 2024, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, in *Texas v. Department of Homeland Security*, Case Number 24-cv-306, administratively stayed DHS from granting parole in place under Keeping Families Together for 14 days. Subsequently, the court issued another order and the administrative stay remains in effect through Sept. 23, 2024.

To comply with the district court’s administrative stay, USCIS will:

- Not grant any pending parole in place requests under Keeping Families Together.
- Continue to accept filings of Form I-131F, Application for Parole in Place for Certain Noncitizen Spouses and Stepchildren of U.S. Citizens.
- Continue to schedule biometric appointments and capture biometrics at Application Support Centers (ASCs).

The district court’s administrative stay order does not affect any applications that were approved before the administrative stay order was issued at 6:46 p.m. Eastern Time on Aug. 26, 2024.

i ALERT: On Aug. 19, 2024, DHS posted for public inspection a Federal Register notice implementing the Keeping Families Together process for certain noncitizen spouses and stepchildren of U.S. citizens. Additional information on eligibility criteria, the application process, and examples of required documentation is available on the [Keeping Families Together](#) page, this FAQ page, and in the [Federal Register notice](#).

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General Questions



Criteria for Keeping Families Together



How to Make a Request Under Keeping Families Together



Marriage



Stepchildren



Continuous Physical Presence



Removal Proceedings and Removal Orders



Criminal Charges and Convictions



Background Checks



After USCIS Makes a Decision on Your Request



I-601A Provisional Unlawful Presence Waivers



Employment Authorization



Eligibility for Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative



Eligibility for Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjustment of Status



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