DHS Ratifies Rule that Removes 30 Day EAD Processing Requirement and Acknowledges Importance of Issuing Timely Work Authorizations

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Today, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas ratified a rule regarding applications for employment authorization documents (EAD) filed by people who have applied for asylum. While the promulgation of the rule and its ratification were necessary and justified due to operational realities, Secretary Mayorkas recognizes that work authorization is crucially important to people requesting asylum and reaffirms the Department of Homeland Security's commitment to adjudicate applications as quickly and efficiently as possible. The Department plans to engage in future rulemaking to advance this important interest.

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