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Section 1

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Attachments:	Attachment 1 - USCIS Redesigned I-551 Permanent Resident Card 2023 Attachment 2 - USCIS Redesigned I-766 Employment Authorization Document 2023
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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS message is to advise social services districts (districts) that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) began issuing redesigned I-551 Permanent Resident Cards (PRCs) commonly referred to as “Green Cards” and I-766 Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) on January 30, 2023.

These redesigned PRCs and EADs use enhanced graphics and fraud-resistant security features to create cards that are highly secure and more tamper-resistant than pre-existing cards that remain in use. USCIS redesigns these cards every three to five years.

The new PRC and EAD designs include:

- State-of-the-art technology that continues to safeguard national security and improve services;
- Improved detailed artwork;
- New tactile printing that is better integrated with the artwork;
- Enhanced optically variable ink;
- Highly secure holographic images on the front and back of the cards;
- A layer-reveal feature with a partial window on the back photo box; and
- Data fields displayed in different places than on previous versions.

An example of the new PRC and EAD, along with the outline of their security features can be found in the attached documents.

Some PRCs and EADs issued after January 30, 2023, may still display the existing design format because USCIS will continue to use existing cardstock until current supplies are depleted.

The introduction of the new designs does not mean that currently issued PRCs and EADs are invalid. Current PRCs and EADs generally remain valid until their expiration date (unless otherwise noted, such as through an automatic extension of a PRC or EAD as indicated on a Form I-797, Notice of Action, or in a Federal Register notice). For further guidance on the impact on Temporary Assistance (TA) eligibility when a non-citizen's immigration documentation is expired, districts should refer to 15-LCM-15, [Attachment 1](#), Question and Answer 57.

As a reminder, in accordance with [13-ADM-07](#), when determining TA eligibility, districts must use the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system to verify non-citizens' immigration documentation. Benefits must not be delayed, denied, reduced, or terminated, pending verification of non-citizens' documentation through the SAVE system. If all other eligibility factors have been established and the non-citizens are otherwise eligible, benefits must be granted while awaiting responses from the SAVE system.

Districts that have questions on the validity of a PRC or EAD should contact the TA Bureau at: (518) 474-9344 or tabureau@otda.ny.gov.