

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER: 02-01

TO: COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

This letter clarifies the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) State Letter #01 – 31, dated December 5, 2001.

ORR has issued a blanket waiver of 45 CFR 400.152(b) regarding the five year (60 month) limitation on use of social services formula funding during Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002. This waiver serves as notice to all FFY 2001 recipients of social services formula allocations that refugees who have been in the U.S. longer than 60 months (five years), but have not attained U.S. citizenship, may receive social services from refugee providers. These services may include all services listed under 45 CFR 400.154 and 400.155, except 400.155(h). The waiver remains effective until September 30, 2002.

Only refugees enrolled in the RESS (Refugee Employment and Social Services) program are eligible for the waiver. Those enrolled in TA (Targeted Assistance) programs are not eligible.

If you have any questions regarding this waiver, please contact Lenore Schmidt, Manager of the Operations and Performance unit, at (916) 654-2805, or Daniel Crawford of her staff at (916) 654-5964.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thuan Nguyen".

THUAN NGUYEN, Chief  
Refugee Programs Branch