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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 24-73

The purpose of this All County Letter is to inform counties of the requirement to track the number of Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee Refugee Cash Assistance participants, the amount of cash assistance each participant receives, and related administrative expenses.



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TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CALWORKS PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS
COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: TRACKING UKRAINIAN SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
FUNDS

REFERENCE: [OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT POLICY LETTER 22-13;](#)
[DEAR COLLEAGUE LETTER \(DCL\) 22-12,](#)
[ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER \(ACWDL\) DATED](#)
[MAY 27, 2022; ACWDL DATED JULY 6, 2022;](#)
[ACWDL DATED JUNE 28, 2024; DCL 24-01](#)

This letter informs County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of the requirement to track data of Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees from Ukraine who received Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) on or after May 21, 2022.

Background

On February 24, 2022, the United States (U.S.) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) began paroling into the U.S. citizens and nationals of Ukraine (Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees, or UHPs) and non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in the Ukraine (Non-Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees, or NUHPs) due to urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit.

On March 24, 2022, President Biden committed to resettling 100,000 Ukrainians displaced by the war. On April 21, 2022, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the [Uniting for Ukraine \(U4U\) Program](#), which provides a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and immediate family members (spouse and children) to enter the U.S. as humanitarian parolees for a period of up to two years. Those participating in U4U must have a U.S. government-vetted U.S.-based supporter who agrees to provide

financial support for the duration of their stay. Supporters under the U4U Program are not “sponsors” as defined in [8 United States Code section 1183a](#) filing enforceable affidavits of support (USCIS Form I-864) and sponsor deeming rules do not apply to U4U participants’ public benefit applications.

On May 21, 2022, President Biden signed into law the [Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act \(AUSAA\), 2022](#), authorizing the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to provide resettlement assistance and other benefits to certain Ukrainian populations and non-Ukrainian residents displaced from Ukraine. In addition, the AUSAA appropriated funding to specifically support these populations.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provided instructions to counties via [All County Welfare Directors Letter \(ACWDL\) dated July 6, 2022](#), regarding federal benefits eligibility for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees and Non-Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees. ORR’s [PL 22-13](#), dated May 26, 2022 (and revised March 23, 2023), identifies the following categories of individuals arriving from Ukraine as eligible for resettlement assistance and other benefits:

1. Citizens or nationals of Ukraine who the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023, due to urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit, known as UHPs.
2. Non-Ukrainian individuals (known as NUHPs) who last habitually resided in Ukraine and were paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023, by DHS due to urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit.
3. A spouse or child of an individual described in section one or two above, who is paroled into the U.S. after September 30, 2023.
4. A parent, legal guardian, or primary caregiver of an unaccompanied refugee minor or an unaccompanied child described in section one or two above, who is paroled into the U.S. after September 30, 2023.

The earliest initial date of eligibility for ORR benefits and services for individuals described in sections one and two above (UHPs and NUHPs) is May 21, 2022. If an individual from either of these populations was paroled and entered the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and May 21, 2022, their date of eligibility is May 21, 2022. If they entered the U.S. after May 21, 2022, their date of eligibility is their date of humanitarian parole. The earliest initial date of eligibility for individuals described in sections three and four above (relatives of UHPs and NUHPs) is October 1, 2023. Their date of eligibility is their date of humanitarian parole.

For more detailed information about eligibility benefits and services, please refer to [DCL 44-01](#), [ACWDL dated July 6, 2022](#), and [ACWDL dated June 28, 2024](#).

On September 9, 2024, ORR awarded CDSS its third quarter AUSAA Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) funding. This funding is designated to cover the direct RCA payments and related administrative costs for UHPs and NUHPs described in one through four above.

Manual Data Tracking Requirement

The current Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) cannot track the required data points related to AUSAA CMA costs because there are no aid codes in MEDS specific to this funding. CDSS anticipates this funding is temporary and automation will not be necessary. Therefore, CWDs should manually track data for UHP and NUHP individuals who are receiving RCA benefits. The following are the data elements CWDs must track for each participant:

1. Name
2. Date of Birth
3. Alien Number
4. RCA amount received per month.
5. Associated administrative cost per month.

CDSS will provide a template and instructions to CWDs through ACLs at the end of each Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) for submitting the required data.

Claiming Guidance

A forthcoming County Fiscal Letter will provide new program codes and claiming instructions for the AUSAA CMA funds.

Contact

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Refugee Programs Bureau at (916) 654-4356 or at RPB@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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