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Clarification Related to Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees' Eligibility for RCA and RMA

Dear Colleague Letter 22-20

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Dear Colleague:

In light of the arrival of specific Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine who are eligible for refugee resettlement program benefits (per the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022), ORR is issuing this Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) to remind the refugee resettlement network of certain ORR regulations.

According to 45 CFR § 400.51(a), for ORR-eligible populations who have been determined ineligible for cash assistance under the TANF program, the state¹ must determine eligibility for Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) in accordance with §§ 400.53 and 400.59 in the case of the public/private RCA program or §§ 400.53 and 400.66 in the case of a publicly-administered RCA program.

The client must still apply for TANF cash assistance as soon as possible. Prior to issuing one or more interim RCA payments, the client must be informed that, if he or she is subsequently approved for TANF and receives a retroactive TANF payment, the state will require the client to reimburse any RCA payments that were issued to the client, to ensure that there is no dual receipt of federal assistance.

According to 45 CFR § 400.94(d), if the appropriate state agency determines that ORR-eligible individuals are not eligible for Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) under its state plans, the state must determine the applicant's eligibility for Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA).

ORR has provided [ORR Policy Letter 22-13](#) to its federal partners that administer Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Medicaid and has disseminated TANF guidance to ORR-funded refugee programs; ORR will disseminate Medicaid guidance once informed that that is ready for dissemination.

States should ensure that eligible populations receive RCA and RMA, if those populations are found ineligible for TANF and Medicaid. Upon availability of relevant guidance, TANF and Medicaid eligibility should be redetermined for clients categorically eligible for those benefits and services. Thank you for

¹ "States" throughout this Dear Colleague Letter refers to states and replacement designees.

your partnership in serving our newest arrivals.

Sincerely,

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