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Continued Flexibilities through December 31, 2022

Policy Letter 22-16

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Due to the continued impact of COVID-19 and the challenges raised by the influx of ORR-eligible individuals¹ from multiple groups, including newly eligible populations, arriving to the United States within a short timeframe,² ORR is issuing this policy letter (PL) extending ORR-approved waivers and flexibilities delineated in ORR PL 21-08 through December 31, 2022.

The waivers are consistent with refugee policy objectives and will allow ORR-eligible populations to receive critical assistance and services. ORR will continue to assess the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and capacity constraints on ORR-eligible populations.

A state or replacement designee that has not applied for waivers delineated within ORR PL 21-08 may do so by following the instructions within that letter.

If you have questions about the information contained in this PL, contact ORR's Refugee Policy Unit at RefugeePolicy@acf.hhs.gov.

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¹ For information on eligible populations and their dates of eligibility for ORR benefits, refer to the following ORR PLs: [PL 16-01, Documentation Requirements for the Refugee Resettlement Program](#); [PL 22-01, Afghan Humanitarian Parolees and Unaccompanied Afghan Minors Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services](#); and [PL 22-13, Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services](#).

² Challenges may result from a variety of factors, including high volumes of arrivals, the arrival of new groups, populations arriving through novel resettlement pathways (such as Operation Allies Welcome and Uniting for Ukraine), and resettlement in non-traditional resettlement sites that require time and assistance to enhance their capacity to meet the needs of arrivals.