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Refugee Health Program Updates  
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- State/Program Budget
- RHAP Objectives Revision
- RHAP Reporting Requirements Revision
- RPHP Reporting Requirements Revised
- RHAP Site Visits by Joni Robinson
- Secondary Migrant Inter-Jurisdictional Transfer Protocol - Proposed



- The State Department -- Populations, Refugees and Migration (PRM) -- is monitoring compliance of Cooperative Agreement with VOLAGS that require them to “Ensure new refugees complete a health assessment within 30 days of arrival.”
  - We suggested: “refer for HA within 30 days”.
  - ORR allows 90 days to complete.
- Revisions to the Operational and Policies and Procedures manuals

- H1N1 Preparedness Activities – ARHC has asked CDC to take the lead on developing/translating materials
- Domestic Screening Guidelines – CDC has cleared and posted the following Screening Guidelines:
  - Lead
  - Parasites
  - Malaria
  - General Laboratory Testing

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dq/refugee/index.htm>

The following guidelines are still in revision or have been submitted for clearance:

- HIV
- TB
- STIs
- Mental Health
- Hep B
- Growth/Nutrition/Development

- Currently each state has their own version of a health assessment.
- These national guidelines are intended to provide some standardization to the health assessment process.
- ORR understands that there is not enough federal funding to support all potential costs associated with a standardized comprehensive assessment.

- A Health Assessment Work Group will be convened in the near future to advise the State RHP as to what elements of the CA health assessment we should modify, based on the CDC guidelines and funding availability.

