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Re: Outline of Medical Care Coverage Categories for Supporter-Based Parolees from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela with Consolidation of Updated Information for Ukrainian and Afghan New Arrival Populations in CA

This memo outlines medical coverage for new supporter-based parolee populations from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. In addition, it incorporates updates to former Office of Refugee Health letters regarding Ukrainian populations ([Medi-Cal and Refugee Health Screening Eligibility Letter](#)) and new arrival Afghan populations in CA ([Afghan Immigrant Eligibility for Medical Care Coverage](#)).

The following tables provide eligibility information for the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) program and required documents and eligibility for Medi-Cal. It also includes information regarding eligibility for the domestic medical screening exam provided through the Office of Refugee Health (ORH) Refugee Health Assessment Programs (RHAP) throughout California.

For cases where the eligibility remains unknown or unclear, please verify by obtaining a copy of the client's I-94 record via the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\) link](#) or I-94 record retrieval through the facial recognition APP "CBP One". Please be aware that within the same household there may be mixed immigration entry statuses.

All RHAP services should be completed within 90 days of arrival. A list of programs and contacts can be found on the [ORH RHAP clinics page](#).

Within 90 days of arrival to the U.S., all parolees from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, Ukraine, and Venezuela must submit vaccine and tuberculosis (TB) attestation in their U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) online account. TB screening must be conducted using an interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA) blood test. Required vaccines are measles, polio, and Covid-19.

For individuals who arrive with vaccine records, clinical providers may find multilingual translations referenced in the [Quick Chart of Vaccine-Preventable Disease Terms in Multiple Languages](#).

For individuals who are NOT eligible (Venezuelan and Nicaraguan parolees) for the domestic medical screening exam or who reside outside of a RHAP clinic county, tuberculosis (TB) screening sites can be found on the [California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis webpage](#). Local health department immunization clinics are found on the [Local Health Department Immunization Program webpage](#) and child specific vaccine programs can be found on the [California Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) Provider Locations webpage](#). Individuals



may also use the [Find a Health Center webpage](#) to identify a local Federally Qualified Health Center for TB testing, vaccines, and links to primary care. Once linked to primary care, individuals who did not receive ORH RHAP services can provide the following [CDPH Clinician Guidelines](#) to the new provider to ensure appropriate health screening.

Acceptable Documents and Program Eligibility for New Arrival Populations in California

Cuban/Haitian New Arrivals

Applicant Immigration Status	Documentation Required for ORR RMA Eligibility	Medi-Cal Eligibility	Federal Refugee Medical Screening Eligibility
Cuban/Haitian Entrant (Status Pending)	I-94 arrival/departure card with a stamp showing parole at any time as a 'Cuban/Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) And I-94 may refer to 212(d)(5) OR CH6 adjustment code on the I-551: Even after a Cuban/Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) becomes a permanent resident, he/she technically retains the status of Cuban/Haitian Entry (Status Pending) OR I-94 arrival/departure card with a stamp showing parole into the U.S. on or after April 21, 1980, which may refer to 212(d)(5) OR Cuban or Haitian passport with 212(d)(5) stamp dated after October 10, 1980. I-94 may refer to 212(d)(5)	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal	Domestic medical screening exam eligible
A national of Cuba or Haiti who was paroled into the U.S. and has not acquired any other status under the INA and with respect to who a final, non-appealable, and legally enforceable order of removal, deportation or exclusion has not been entered	I-94 arrival/departure card showing parole into the U.S. And I-94 may refer to 212(d)(5), humanitarian or public interest parole. OR I-766 Employment Authorization Document with code A04 OR I-766 Employment Authorization Document with code C11	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal	Domestic medical screening exam eligible
A national of Cuba or Haiti who is the subject of removal, deportation or	DHS Form I-221 Order to Show Cause and Notice of Hearing OR DHS Form-I-862 Notice to Appear	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR	Domestic medical screening exam eligible

<p>exclusion proceedings under the INA and with respect to whom a final, non-appealable, and legally enforceable order of removal, deportation or exclusion has not been entered</p>	<p>OR DHS Form I-220A Order of Release on Recognizance</p> <p>OR DHS Form I-122 Notice to Applicant Detained for a Hearing Before an Immigration Judge</p> <p>OR DHS Form I-221S Order to Show Cause, Notice of Hearing and Warrant for Arrest Copy of INS Form I-589 date stamped by the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal; Individual is subject of removal, deportation, or exclusion proceedings.</p> <p>OR Copy of DHS Form I-485 date stamped by EOIR. Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status; Individual is subject of removal, exclusion, or deportation proceedings.</p> <p>OR EOIR-26. Notice to Appeal, date stamped by the Office of the Immigration Judge</p> <p>OR I-766 Employment Authorization Document with the code C10. Application for suspension of deportation/cancellation of removal submitted.</p> <p>OR I-688B Employment Authorization Document with the provision of law 274a.12 (c) (10) Application for suspension of deportation/cancellation of removal submitted</p> <p>OR Other applications for relief that have been date stamped by EOIR</p> <p>OR</p>	<p>Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal</p>	
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	Other documentation pertaining to an applicant's removal, exclusion, or deportation proceedings. Ex. A notice of hearing date before an immigration judge.		
A national of Cuba or Haiti who has an application for asylum pending with the DHS/USCIS or with an EOIR Immigration Court or Board of Immigration Appeals and with respect to whom a final, non-appealable, and legally enforceable order of removal, deportation or exclusion has not been entered	USCIS receipt for filing Form I-589. Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal OR I-766 Employment Authorization Document with code C08 OR I688B Employment Authorization Document with the provision of law 274a.12 (c) (8)-older version of document still in use	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal	Domestic medical screening exam eligible

For Parole Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans, please see Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement Policy Letter [DCL 23-13: Parole Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans.](#)

For Cuban and Haitian population eligibility and documentation requirements, please see [Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement Fact Sheet.](#)

Nicaraguan/Venezuelan New Arrivals

Applicant Immigration Status	Documentation Required for ORR RMA Eligibility	Medi-Cal Eligibility	Federal Refugee Medical Screening Eligibility
Nicaraguan national who received humanitarian parole (known as a Nicaraguan Humanitarian Parolee)	<p>Not eligible for ORR-funded refugee benefits.</p> <p>Eligible to apply for Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and a Social Security number.</p>	<p>Income qualified pregnant women: Full Scope Medi-Cal eligible</p> <p>Income qualified age 0-25: Full Scope Medi-Cal Eligible</p> <p>Income qualified age 26-50: May be eligible for State-funded full scope Medi-Cal if determined to be lawfully present immigrant Permanently Residing in the United States Under Color of Law (PRUCOL)</p> <p>Income qualified age 50+: Full Scope Medi-Cal Eligible</p> <p>If deemed ineligible for Medi-Cal, local FQHCs may help find other health care coverage options</p>	<p>NOT eligible for domestic medical screening exam</p> <p>Link directly to primary care and/or TB screening and vaccination</p>
Venezuelan national who received humanitarian parole (known as a Venezuelan Humanitarian Parolee)	<p>Not eligible for ORR-funded refugee benefits</p> <p>Eligible to apply for Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and a Social Security number.</p>	<p>Income qualified pregnant women: Full Scope Medi-Cal eligible</p> <p>Income qualified age 0-25: Full Scope Medi-Cal Eligible</p> <p>Income qualified age 26-50: May be eligible for State-funded full scope Medi-Cal if determined to be lawfully present immigrant Permanently Residing in the United States Under Color of Law (PRUCOL)</p> <p>Income qualified age 50+: Full Scope Medi-Cal Eligible</p> <p>If deemed ineligible for Medi-Cal, local FQHCs may help find other health care coverage options</p>	<p>NOT eligible for domestic medical screening exam</p> <p>Link directly to primary care and/or TB screening and vaccination</p>

For Parole Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans, please see Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement Policy Letter [DCL 23-13: Parole Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans](#).

For a comprehensive outline of federal and state benefit program eligibility for Cuban, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelan citizens and nationals, see All County Information Notice [ACIN I-14-23E – Eligibility of Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan Parolees](#).

Ukrainian New Arrivals

Applicant Immigration Status	Documentation Required for ORR RMA Eligibility	Medi-Cal Eligibility	Federal Refugee Medical Screening Eligibility
Ukrainian citizen or national who received humanitarian parole (known as a Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee, or UHP)	Form I-94 noting humanitarian parole (per INA section 212(d)(5) or 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5)) OR Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting “DT” OR Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting Uniting for Ukraine or “U4U” OR Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee or “UHP” OR Form I-765 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) receipt notice with code C11 OR Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with the code C11	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal	Domestic medical screening exam eligible
A non-Ukrainian individual who received humanitarian parole and the U4U or UHP stamp of admission in response to their displacement from Ukraine	Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting Uniting for Ukraine or “U4U” OR Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee or “UHP”	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal	Domestic medical screening exam eligible
A non-Ukrainian individual who last habitually resided in Ukraine and received humanitarian parole, but without the U4U or UHP class of admission	Any one of the forms or stamps listed above for UHPs AND Documentation of last habitual residence in Ukraine, including Crimea OR	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal	Domestic medical screening exam eligible

	Acceptable documentation indicating last habitual residency in Ukraine includes an original Ukrainian government-issued document, such as a current driver's license or identification card.		
A spouse or child of an individual described in the above categories who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023.	Visa Stamps, as above, indicating Humanitarian Parole	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal	Domestic medical screening exam eligible
A parent, legal guardian, or primary caregiver of an unaccompanied refugee minor or an unaccompanied child described in the above categories who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023	Visa Stamps, as above, indicating Humanitarian Parole	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal	Domestic medical screening exam eligible
Ukrainians with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)	NOT eligible for ORR-funded benefits	Income qualified pregnant women: Full Scope Medi-Cal eligible Income qualified age 0-25: Full Scope Medi-Cal Eligible Income qualified age 26-50: May be eligible for State- funded full scope Medi-Cal if determined to be lawfully present immigrant Permanently Residing in the United States Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) Income qualified age 50+: Full Scope Medi-Cal Eligible If deemed ineligible for Medi-Cal, local FQHCs may help find other health care coverage options	NOT eligible for domestic medical screening exam Link directly to primary care and/or TB screening and vaccination

For Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services, please see Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement Policy Letter [PL 22-13: Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services](#).

For Medi-Cal Eligibility for New Ukraine Arrivals, please see CA Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services [Medi-Cal Eligibility Division \(MEDL\) Information Letter I22-16](#). The letter also includes eligibility guidance pertaining to Ukrainians who do not hold humanitarian parolee status but were granted Temporary Protected Status.

Afghan New Arrivals

Applicant Immigration Status	Documentation Required for ORR RMA Eligibility	Medi-Cal Eligibility	Federal Refugee Medical Screening Eligibility
Afghan Special Immigrant Parolee (SI/SQ) (Principal Applicant, Spouse of Principal Applicant, or Child of Principal Applicant)	Form I-94 noting SI or SQ parole (per section 602(B)(1) AAPA/Sec 1059(a) NDAA 2006) OR Form I-765 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) receipt notice with code C11 OR Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with code C11 OR Afghan passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been classified under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category: SI1 or SQ1 – Primary applicant SI2 or SQ2 – Spouse SI3 OR SQ3 - Unmarried child < 21 years AND DHS stamp or notation on passport	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal	Domestic medical screening exam eligible
Afghan Special Immigrant Conditional Permanent Resident (SI CPR) (Principal Applicant, Spouse of Principal Applicant, or Child of Principal Applicant)	Foreign passport with Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV) with code CQ1, CQ2, or CQ3 OR Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting that the individual has been classified under IV (immigrant visa) Category CQ1, CQ2 or CQ3 OR DHS Form I-551 (“green card”) with an IV (immigrant visa) code for category CQ1, CQ2 or CQ3 OR DHS/CBP/USCIS temporary Form I-551 Alien Documentation Identification and Telecommunication (ADIT) stamp OR	Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal	Domestic medical screening exam eligible

	<p>DHS/USCIS temporary Form I-551 Alien Documentation Identification and Telecommunication (ADIT) stamp</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Form I-765 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) receipt notice with code C11</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with code C11</p>		
<p>Afghan Humanitarian Parole (AHP)</p> <p>Citizens or nationals of Afghanistan paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act between July 31, 2021, and September 30, 2023.</p>	<p>Form I-94 with COA codes – “OAR”, “OAW”, “PAR”, “DT”, “PAROLED”¹⁹ or Humanitarian Parole (per INA section 212(d)(5)(A))</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp with COA codes “OAR”, “OAW”, “PAR”, “DT”, “PAROLED” or Humanitarian Parole (per INA section 212(d)(5)(A))</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Interim Notice Authorizing Parole (INAP), noting parole under INA 212(d)(5)(A)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Form I-765 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) receipt notice with code C11</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with the code C11</p>	<p>Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal</p>	<p>Domestic medical screening exam eligible</p>
<p>A spouse or child of an individual described in the above categories who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023.</p>	<p>Visa Stamps, as noted above, indicating Humanitarian Parole (per INA section 212 (d)(5)(A))</p>	<p>Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal</p>	<p>Domestic medical screening exam eligible</p>
<p>Afghan Humanitarian Parolee</p>	<p>Visa Stamps, as noted above, indicating Humanitarian Parole (per INA section 212 (d)(5)(A))</p>	<p>Not eligible for Refugee Medical Assistance</p>	<p>NOT eligible for domestic medical screening exam</p>

<p>Unaccompanied Minors as defined by 6 U.S.C. 279(g)(2)). Unaccompanied Afghan Minors under the age of 18 are eligible to apply for ORR's Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) program (8 U.S.C. 1522(d)(2)), under which they are eligible to receive URM services to the same extent as refugees in the URM program</p>		<p>Services are provided under the umbrella of the URM program, outside of ORH Refugee Health Assessment Programs</p>	<p>URMs are linked to medical care via the URM program</p>
<p>A parent or legal guardian of any individual who is determined to be an Unaccompanied Afghan Minor as defined by 6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2), who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023.</p>	<p>Visa Stamps, as noted above, indicating Humanitarian Parole (per INA section 212 (d)(5)(A))</p>	<p>Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal</p>	<p>Domestic medical screening exam eligible</p>
<p>Afghan Special Immigrant (Principal Applicant, Spouse of Principal Applicant, or Child of Principal Applicant)</p>	<p>Form I-551 Permanent Resident Card (aka: Green Card) OR Foreign Passport with Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV) OR DHS/CBP temporary Form I-551 Alien Documentation Identification and Telecommunication (ADIT) stamp OR DHS/USCIS temporary Form I-551 Alien Documentation Identification</p>	<p>Federal full scope Medi-Cal eligible OR Refugee Medical Assistance if not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal</p>	<p>Domestic medical screening exam eligible</p>

	<p>and Telecommunication (ADIT) stamp</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Form I-765 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) receipt notice with code SQ1, SQ2, SQ3, SQ6, SQ7 or SQ8</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with code SQ1, SQ2, SQ3, SQ6, SQ7 or SQ8</p>		
Afghans with none of the above Immigration status categories	Other documentation pertaining to an applicant's removal, exclusion, or deportation proceedings. Ex. A notice of hearing date before an immigration judge or I-589 Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal pending	<p>Income qualified pregnant women: Full Scope Medi-Cal eligible</p> <p>Income qualified age 0-25: Full Scope Medi-Cal Eligible</p> <p>Income qualified age 26-50: May be eligible for State-funded full scope Medi-Cal if determined to be lawfully present immigrant Permanently Residing in the United States Under Color of Law (PRUCOL)</p> <p>Income qualified age 50+: Full Scope Medi-Cal Eligible</p> <p>If deemed ineligible for Medi-Cal, local FQHCs may help find other health care coverage options</p>	<p>NOT eligible for domestic medical screening exam</p> <p>Link directly to primary care and/or TB screening and vaccination</p>

For Afghan population eligibility and documentation requirements, please see Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Policy Letter [PL-22-02: Additional ORR-Eligible Statuses and Categories and Acceptable Documentation Requirements for Afghan Nationals.](#)

And ORR PL-22-01 [Afghan Humanitarian Parolees and Unaccompanied Afghan Minors Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services; ASA-Eligible Afghan Populations.](#)

Please note that Medi-Cal benefits are administered locally by county Human/Social Service Agency offices and are specific to the new arrival's county of residence. It may take up to 45 days to determine Medi-Cal eligibility. New arrivals with high medical needs may request a case expedite. Apply in-person or online via [BenefitsCal](#).

Permanently Residing in the United States Under Color of Law (PRUCOL): Individuals who claim to be permanently residing in the U.S. under color of law (PRUCOL) are eligible for State Funded full scope Medi-Cal in California if they meet all other eligibility criteria. This may include individuals who are not included in any of the above ORR-Eligible Statuses but may be seeking or residing under another form of immigration relief. In support of Medi-Cal applications under PRUCOL, applicants should include the [Statement of Citizenship, Alienage, and Immigration Status](#). Please contact your local County Human/Social Services Agency or the California Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division if you have questions about Medi-Cal eligibility.