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Ropulations

Re: Cross Programs: The Extension of Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee

(UHP) Status

Overview

The Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act (AUSAA) of 2022 authorized the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to provide resettlement assistance and other benefits to specific Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals in response to their displacement from Ukraine and entry into the United States until September 30, 2023.

On April 24, 2024 President Biden signed the *Making emergency* supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes Act into law. This law extends the period of parole under which certain individuals from Ukraine may become eligible for SNAP and TAFDC benefits from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

These individuals are not subject to a waiting period and are immediately eligible for SNAP and TAFDC benefits as long as they meet all other DTA program financial and non-financial eligibility requirements.

Overview (Continued)

Coding in BEACON

IMPORTANT: Due to the current time limit on eligibility, staff must code these individuals as "Parolees" in the INS Designation page with a note of "Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee" in the Other section reference field. Staff must enter the parole end date as the Expiration Date in the INS Designation window.

TPS for Ukrainians

Reminder: On Aug. 18, 2023, The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the extension and redesignation of Ukraine for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months. This extension and redesignation will be in effect from Oct. 20, 2023, through April 19, 2025.

Individuals who are approved for or have pending TPS status must have documentation from USCIS verifying their temporary status. Once verified, they are considered Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) for DTA application purposes. These individuals were and continue to be eligible for EAEDC. UHPs also qualify for EAEDC as PRUCOLs. These individuals are not held to a time limit on their eligibility for EAEDC benefits based on the end of their parole period.

Individuals who are approved for or pending for TPS are not eligible for SNAP or TAFDC benefits unless they qualify under a different noncitizen status, i.e., Humanitarian Parolee or Refugee. If a client provides TPS documentation only, staff must explore if the individual previously met a qualifying status and request documentation to verify eligibility for SNAP and TAFDC benefits.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of:

- The extension of Humanitarian Parolee status for Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian individuals displaced by the current conflict in Ukraine;
- proper INS coding for UHPs; and
- corresponding guidance in the Online Guide.

Revised Online Guide Pages

Topic: EAEDC

Book: General Nonfinancial Requirements

Chapter: Noncitizen

Subchapter: Eligible Qualified Noncitizens

Page: Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees – EAEDC

Topic: TAFDC

Book: Program Nonfinancial Requirements

Chapter: Noncitizen

Subchapter: Eligible Qualified Noncitizens

Page: Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees – TAFDC

Topic: SNAP

Book: Eligibility Requirements

Chapter: Noncitizen

Subchapter: Eligible Qualified Noncitizens

Page: Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees – SNAP

Obsoleted Online Guide Transmittal

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Questions

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk. If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists (SIS) or TAO management email them to DTA.Procedural Issues.

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