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HUMAN SERVICES**

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November 16, 2022

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Work First Managers and Supervisors

Subject: Afghanistan Parolees - TANF Eligibility Date Extended

Priority: Information Only

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

On September 30, 2021, Congress passed the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022. Section 2502 of the legislation provided that Afghan humanitarian parolees are eligible to receive federal benefits, including TANF, from the date of enactment. Specifically, section 2502 of this legislation provided that the following individuals are eligible for TANF until March 31, 2023, (or the term of parole, whichever is longer) in the same way a refugee is eligible for TANF:

- Afghan citizens and nationals paroled into the US between July 31, 2021 and September 30, 2022.
- Their spouses or children paroled after September 30, 2022; and their parents or guardians paroled after September 30, 2022, if the Afghan citizen or national is an unaccompanied child.

II. POLICY PROCEDURES

On September 30, 2022, Congress passed the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023. Division A, section 149(a) of this legislation extends the parole eligibility date from September 30, 2022, to **December 16, 2022**. Therefore, the following individuals are eligible for TANF until March 31, 2023, (or the term of parole, whichever is longer) in the same way a refugee is eligible for TANF:

- Afghan citizens and nationals paroled into the US between July 31, 2021 and **December 16, 2022**;
- Their spouses or children paroled after **December 16, 2022**; and their parents or guardians paroled after **December 16, 2022**, if the Afghan citizen or national is an unaccompanied child.

III. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

No action required.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please submit them to the Continuous Quality Improvement Team (CQI) at dss.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allison W. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

Allison W. Smith, Deputy Director
Division of Social Services, Economic and Family Services

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