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Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Work First (WF) Cash Assistance Administrators, Managers and Supervisors, Medicaid Managers and Supervisors, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Administrators, Managers and Supervisors

Subject: **Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine for Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Benefits and Services**

Priority: Information Only

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of this letter is to inform North Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) that as of May 21, 2022, the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (AUSAA) authorizes the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to provide resettlement assistance and other benefits available for refugees to specific Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals in response to their displacement from Ukraine and entry into the United States.

II. POLICY PROCEDURES

New categories of ORR-eligible Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine

- A. Citizens or nationals of Ukraine who the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has paroled into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023, due to urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit, known as Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees (UHPs).
- B. Non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine, who DHS has paroled into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023, due to urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit.
- C. A spouse or child¹ of an individual described in section I.A. or I.B. who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023.

¹ As defined in section 101(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. § 1101(b))

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- D. A parent, legal guardian, or primary caregiver of an unaccompanied refugee minor² or an unaccompanied child³ described in section I.A. or I.B. who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

A. Mainstream and ORR Refugee Benefits and Services

Populations listed above are eligible to receive mainstream benefits (e.g., Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income), resettlement assistance, and other benefits available to refugees⁴, such as Refugee Cash and Refugee Medical Assistance for individuals and couples without minor dependent children.

B. Acceptable documents for new categories of ORR-eligible Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine

[ORR Policy Letter \(PL\) 16-01](#), *Documentation Requirements for the Refugee Resettlement Program*, announced a documentation guide, *Status and Documentation Requirements for the ORR Refugee Resettlement Program* (“Documentation Guide”), that outlines the statuses and categories that confer eligibility for ORR’s Refugee Resettlement Program benefits and the documentation that is needed to show an individual is eligible.

In addition to the acceptable documents listed for Ukrainian refugees and asylees within ORR PL 16-01’s Documentation Guide, the following chart lists the newly eligible applicants and corresponding acceptable documents. All other elements of ORR PL 16-01, including its attached Documentation Guide, as amended by the Frequently Asked Questions document, remain unchanged and in effect.

² An individual determined to be an unaccompanied refugee minor under section 412(d)(2)(B) of the INA (8 U.S.C. § 1522(d)(2)(B)).

³ An individual determined to be an unaccompanied child under section 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2)).

⁴ Refugees who are admitted to the United States under section 207 of the INA (8 U.S.C. § 1157).

Immigration Status or Category of Applicant	Acceptable Documentation
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
A non-Ukrainian individual who last habitually resided in Ukraine and received humanitarian parole	Any one of the forms or stamps listed above for UHPs And Documentation of last habitual residence in Ukraine ⁵

C. Period of eligibility for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine

The initial date of eligibility for UHPs and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine for ORR benefits and services is May 21, 2022, or the individual’s date of humanitarian parole (NC FAST identifies this date as the “Date Alien Status is Granted” field), whichever is later.

If an individual from either of these populations was paroled and entered the United States between February 24, 2022, and May 21, 2022, their date of eligibility is May 21, 2022. If they entered the United States after May 21, 2022, their date of eligibility is their date of humanitarian parole.

⁵ 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.

UHPs and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine are eligible for ORR benefits and services until the end of the individual's parole term, unless otherwise amended by law or the individual gains another ORR-eligible category or status.

If a UHP or other non-Ukrainian individual displaced from Ukraine applies for and obtains Temporary Protected Status (TPS), the individual will remain eligible for ORR benefits and services until the end of the individual's parole term, due to their underlying receipt of humanitarian parole per INA section 212(d)(5). Note, however, that an individual with only TPS and no underlying humanitarian parole is not eligible for ORR benefits and services.

If you have programmatic questions, contact your specific program Operational Support Specialist (OSS) and/or Continuous Quality Improvement Specialist (CQIS). For specific Refugee Cash and Refugee Medical Assistance questions please email the Refugee Assistance policy box at RefugeeAssistance.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov

Sincerely,



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