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Afghan Arrivals Being Processed within the United States

Dear Colleague Letter 21-15

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Dear Colleague:

This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) is to inform the refugee resettlement network that in the coming months ORR anticipates Afghan individuals who have assisted the U.S. government overseas will be relocated to the United States. Due to the urgent nature of their arrival, these individuals will receive SQ/SI Parole.

These Afghan parolees are eligible for ORR benefits and services. [ORR Policy Letter \(PL\) 16-01](#), *Documentation Requirements for the Refugee Resettlement Program*, and its [Documentation Guide](#), *Status and Documentation Requirements for the ORR Refugee Resettlement Program* (hereinafter Documentation Guide), outline the statuses and documents that confer eligibility for Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) benefits and the documentation that is needed to show an individual is eligible. ORR has issued [ORR PL 21-07](#) amending the Documentation Guide to include SQ/SI Parole (per section 602(B)(1) AAPA/Section 1059(a) NDAA 2006).

In the coming months, if you encounter eligibility documentation for Afghan parolees or SIVs that is not listed in the Documentation Guide, as amended by ORR PL 21-07, please contact ORR's Refugee Policy Unit at RefugeeEligibility@acf.hhs.gov to confirm eligibility for the RRP.

Sincerely,

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