


**FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION**

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<b>Originating Office:</b>	Office of Programs <a href="mailto:fia.policy@maryland.gov">fia.policy@maryland.gov</a>
<b>Required Actions:</b>	The purpose is to inform DHS and FIA staff of updated changes in the eligibility of Ukrainian and certain non-Ukrainian nationals who receive humanitarian parole into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024, for refugee resettlement services and public benefits.
<b>Key Words:</b>	Ukraine, refugees, parolees, humanitarian parole
<b>Related Federal Laws</b>	<a href="#">Public. 8. Law 117-128</a> ; <a href="#">8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5)</a> ; <a href="#">45 CFR § 400.43</a> ;
<b>Related State Laws</b>	Not applicable
<b>COMAR</b>	Not applicable
<b>State Plan Implications?</b>	No State Plan implications

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 <p><b>Maryland</b> Department of Human Services</p> <p>Department of Human Services 25 S Charles Street Baltimore MD 21201</p>	<p><b>FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION (FIA) ACTION TRANSMITTAL</b></p>
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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
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**RE: UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN PAROLEES (UHP)  
ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS**

**PROGRAMS IMPACTED: REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA)  
REFUGEE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (RMA)  
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM (SNAP)  
TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)  
MEDICAID (MA)**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS**

**Summary:**

Effective May 21, 2022, certain Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees (UHP) and other individuals became eligible for certain federal benefits and services until the end of an individual's parole term if they meet the criteria described below in this Action Transmittal (AT).

Due to the escalation of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the resulting refugee crisis, the United States government committed to welcoming Ukrainians and others fleeing the conflict through multiple

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pathways, including humanitarian parole. As a result, the federal [Uniting for Ukraine](#) program was launched in April 2022 for eligible families with financial supporters in the U.S. to receive temporary parole for a period of two years.

In addition, Congress passed H.R.7691, [the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022](#), extended by the [Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024](#), on April 24, 2024, which authorizes the provision of federal benefits and services to citizens of Ukraine paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022 and **September 30, 2024**. Services and benefits UHPs are eligible for include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Congress also authorized UHP eligibility for resettlement services funded by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), such as Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) administered by the Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees (MORA) through its Public/Private Partnerships in Maryland.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement issued [Policy Letter 22-13](#) on May 26, 2022 providing guidance for federal benefits and services, including populations newly eligible for ORR-funded services, and the documents required to verify eligibility.

The following populations are authorized to receive federal public benefits and MORA services upon application and verified eligibility:

Immigration Status	Documents to Verify Status
<p>Ukrainian citizens or nationals paroled by DHS into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024, due to urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit (known as Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee or UHP) including primary applicants, their children, and spouses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I-94 noting Humanitarian Parole per the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), section 212(d)(5)(A), 8 U.S. Code § 1182 or</li> <li>● Foreign passport with U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP) admission stamp noting “DT” or</li> <li>● Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting “Uniting for Ukraine” or “U4U” or</li> <li>● Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting “Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee” or “UHP” or</li> <li>● Form I-765 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) code C11 or</li> <li>● Form I-765 EAD receipt notice with code C11</li> </ul>

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	<p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any other notation of parole under INA § 212(d)(5)14.</li> </ul> <p>Some individuals may have a Travel Authorization Letter from DHS which is acceptable but the date of entry must be verified on an additional document.</p>
Non-Ukrainian individuals who received humanitarian parole through U4U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee or “UHP, or noting Uniting for Ukraine or “U4U.”</li> </ul>
Non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any one of the forms or stamps listed for UHPs, and</li> <li>Documentation of last habitual residence in Ukraine (including Crimea) such as an original Ukrainian government-issued document, current driver’s license, or identification card.</li> </ul>
A spouse, child, parent, legal guardian, or primary caregiver of an individual or unaccompanied minor paroled into the U.S. on or after September 30, 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any one of the forms or stamps listed for UHPs.</li> </ul>

### **Adjusted Dates of Entry/Status**

Individuals from Ukraine who entered the U.S. with parole between February 24, 2022 – May 21, 2022 have an adjusted USCIS Status Date of May 21, 2022, conferring their eligibility for federal benefits and services. Those who arrived between May 21, 2022 - September 30, 2023 will use their date of parole/entry into the U.S. as their USCIS Status Date.

Individuals from Ukraine who entered the U.S. with parole between October 1, 2023 – April 23, 2024 will have an adjusted USCIS Status Date of April 24, 2024. Those who arrive on or after April 24, 2024 will use their date of parole/entry into the U.S. as their USCIS Status Date.

### **Program Eligibility**

Ukrainians who entered the U.S. without humanitarian parole (such as on

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temporary visas) or who entered prior to February 24, 2022, are not eligible for most federal benefits or ORR-funded services. Individuals with Temporary Protected Status (TPS), including those who arrive as visa-holders, are not eligible for most federal benefits or services unless they have documentation indicating they received humanitarian parole.

UHPs and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine who enter the US on or after February 24, 2022 are eligible for ORR-funded refugee benefits and services administered by MORA until the end of their parole term, unless otherwise amended by law, the individual gains another ORR-eligible category or status (such as asylum), or receives re-parole.

UHPs are not assigned a Resettlement Agency affiliate and must access all services and benefits as a “walk-in” population directly through local offices.

### **Required Action**

1. Case Managers must verify each applicant’s immigrant status utilizing the Systematic Alien Verification System (SAVE) and/or that clients have one of the eligible documents described above.
2. On the Citizenship Information page in E&E, Case Managers must select “Asylee/Parolee” as the immigration status for all eligible UHPs.
3. Individuals with Asylee/Parolee status are not subject to a waiting period and are eligible for benefits as long as they meet all other financial and non-financial requirements.
4. The USCIS Status Date must be entered in accordance with the New Parole/Entry Dates section above, and adjusting dates for those who arrive between 9/30/2023 and 4/23/2024 to 4/24/2024 to ensure the correct eligibility period for all benefits and services.
5. When making eligibility determinations, case managers should not include the income and resources of U4U private sponsors in the determination, consistent with federal policies per [45 CFR § 400.59](#).
6. All other guidance for refugee populations remain in place, including referrals to the following local resettlement affiliates within MORA jurisdictions for RCA enrollment:
  - a. Baltimore Metropolitan Area (Baltimore City and surrounding counties):
    - International Rescue Committee (Baltimore)
    - Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (Arbutus)
  - b. Suburban Washington Area (Montgomery and Prince George’s counties):
    - ECDC African Community Center DC Metro (Silver Spring)

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- Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (Greenbelt)
- c. Frederick County:
  - Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (Frederick)

## **Inquiries**

Please direct policy questions to FIA Policy by completing the [FIA Policy Information Request Form](#) found on Knowledge Base or via email at [fia.policy@maryland.gov](mailto:fia.policy@maryland.gov). Contact the [MORA](#) for additional information about refugee policies.

For systems questions, please email [fia.bsdm@maryland.gov](mailto:fia.bsdm@maryland.gov).  
For MA policy questions: Direct Non-MAGI and MAGI policy questions to the Maryland Department of Health, Office of Eligibility Services at [mdh.oesinquiries@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.oesinquiries@maryland.gov).

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