

Dear Colleagues,

Earlier this afternoon, DHS/USCIS [announced](#) that it will establish a process by which Afghan nationals who were paroled into the United States through Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) may request re-parole and employment documentation to ensure continuity of lawful presence and employment. Beginning in June, OAW arrivals will be able to request re-parole through online and paper filing. DHS/USCIS will share additional information in the coming weeks and recommends that OAW arrivals create or update their online accounts on myUSCIS to prepare.

Please see the following notes, some of which are simply reminders:

- Afghan Humanitarian Parolees may be eligible for federal benefits, including “mainstream” public benefits such as cash assistance through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), as well as ORR-funded benefits and services, which include temporary cash assistance, medical assistance, case management, employment services, legal services, and other integration supports.
- Eligibility for ORR-funded services extends to Afghan Humanitarian Parolees, including those who have been granted re-parole, as well as Afghan refugees, asylees, Special Immigrants, and other populations.
- If an eligible Afghan obtains Temporary Protected Status (TPS), the individual will remain eligible for benefits and services until the end of the individual’s parole term, due to their underlying eligible immigration category or status as outlined in [ORR PL 22-02](#).
- Afghans with only TPS and no underlying ORR-eligible immigration category or status as outlined in [ORR PL 22-02](#) are not eligible for ASA or ORR benefits and services, however.
- Other important links:

- ORR Benefits for Afghan Humanitarian Parolees Fact Sheet

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/orr/Benefits-for-Afghan-Humanitarian-Parolees-English.pdf>

- Immigration Legal Services for Afghan Arrivals

<https://ilsaa.acf.hhs.gov/>

- ORR is working on additional policy and will communicate on these matters as soon as possible.

We encourage you to work with OAW arrivals in your community to ensure they are connected to legal service providers who can help them pursue the immigration relief options available to them.

Kindly,

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