

Revised - Policy Clarification

Cash Assistance – All – PCA-20693-122

Medical Assistance – All – PMA-20693-322

Long-Term Care – All – PMN-20693-403

SNAP – All – PFS-20693-522

LIHEAP – All – PLA-20693-622

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Afghan Special Immigrants

Question: Are Afghan Special Immigrants and Afghan Humanitarian Parolees required to be referred to the Social Security Administration (SSA) office to apply for a Social Security Number (SSN)?

Response By: Policy Clarification Unit

Date: 11/8/2021

No. The Department of Human Services has been informed that Afghan Special Immigrants and Afghan Humanitarian Parolees were processed for an SSN during entry and may not have documentation of SSN. If the applicant states they already have applied for an SSN, self-attestation is acceptable for Cash Assistance (CA), Medical Assistance Eligibility (MA), Long-Term Care (LTC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The CAO will use verification code 4 - No number/Referral to SSA when processing with a null SSN. The enumeration process will post an SSN directly from SSA as a result of a referral to SSA.

All recipients with zero SSNs are subject to review after 120 days. CAO's shall continue to monitor their Zero SSN reports.