

Revised - Policy Clarifications

Cash Assistance – All – PCA-20843-122

Medical Assistance – All – PMA-20843-322

Food Stamps – All – PFS-20843-522

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Revised Guidance on Potential Eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Medical Assistance (MA) for individuals who have Parolee Status.

Question: Policy indicates parolees must be admitted for at least one year to be considered qualified non-citizens. A family was admitted on March 24, 2022, and have parolee status until March 22, 2023. Does this meet the year requirement?

Response By: Policy Clarification Unit

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No, the admittance duration showing on their I-94 forms, from March 24, 2022, to March 22, 2023, is less than one year. The total count is based off a day count to determine a year. Therefore, based on the date it is less than one year (365 days) and they do not meet the requirements for eligibility. Per the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, a parolee is typically approved for no more than one year.

For TANF, the household is ineligible because they do not meet the TANF eligibility requirements as a qualified non-citizen under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Reconciliation Act.

For SNAP, the household is ineligible because they do not meet the SNAP eligibility requirements as a qualified non-citizen in the two-step process.

For MA, the household is lawfully present. Children under age 21 and pregnant women through their postpartum may be eligible for federally funded MA. Individuals age 21 and over who are not pregnant may be eligible for state funded MA or may be eligible for federally funded MA to cover an emergency medical condition. See MAEH 322.32 for more information.

Exceptions to the above may be found under special consideration guidance on Afghan and Ukrainian Parolees in Policy Clarification (PC) PCA-20622-122, PMA-20622-322, PFS-20622-522 and Operations Memorandum #21-11-01 related to Afghans and PC related to Ukrainian Parolees are in PCA-20935-122, PMA-20935-322, and PFS-20935-522. **Guidance on Cuban/Haitian Entrants is in PCA-21118-122, PMA-21118-322, and PFS-21118-522.**