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This page notifies staff and the public of changes to the Cash and Nutrition Assistance Policy (CNAP) Manual regarding policy, procedures, and forms. Reminders and general information may also be displayed on this page. Prior What's Changed pages are listed in [FAA6.R01](#) of the CNAP Manual.

The above list summarizes the information on this page. Within the CNAP Manual, each item listed above links to screens below. This page must be discussed during the weekly [policy dissemination](#) in every office which determines eligibility, reviews eligibility, or answers questions regarding eligibility. ([Current week's FAA-1215A](#))

### **Change: Death of the PI – Effecting Changes**

EFFECTIVE DATE: For eligibility determinations completed on or after 02/28/2022

The policy has been revised regarding the early recovery of NA benefits when the death of the Primary Informant (PI) becomes known.

For an NA single participant budgetary unit, the following apply:

- The case must be closed the first month possible. A notice is not sent.
- The Fidelity Information Services (FIS) deactivates the EBT card and sets an early expungement deactivation date in the FIS system.
- When the deactivation date expires, any remaining benefits on the EBT card are expunged and cannot be reactivated.
- When NA benefits are closed in error, benefits can only be reactivated within 62 calendar days or less of the closure by reverting the NA case to open.

### **Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:**

FAA6.A03J – [Primary Informant - Effecting Changes](#)

[Prior Policy](#)

Revised due to changes in the expungement process when the death of a single participant budgetary unit is reported. (For eligibility determinations completed on or after 02/28/2022)

### **Change: Afghan Arrivals Under the OAW Program**

EFFECTIVE DATE: Policy has been clarified as of 02/28/2022

This change is to include additional details about Afghan Arrival Categories and Documentation under the Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) program. These additional details were released by the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) through a fact sheet.

Afghan arrivals or refugees admitted in the United States under the OAW program generally fall within one of four arrival categories. OAW, formerly known as OAR (Operation Allies Refuge) is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)-led effort across the federal government that began in 07/2021. The goal of this program is to support vulnerable Afghans as they safely resettle in the U.S. The following are the four arrival categories:

- Special Immigrant Lawful Permanent Resident (SI LPR)
- Special Immigrant Conditional Permanent Resident (SI CPR)

NOTE An SI CPR becomes an SI LPR after DHS removes the conditions on their LPR admission. When these SI CPRs complete a medical examination and USCIS determines they are not medically inadmissible, DHS removes their conditions and they become an SI LPR.

- Special Immigrant Parolee (SI Parolee)
- Non-SI Parolee (sometimes referred to as a “humanitarian parole” or “OAR parole”)

NOTE Some Afghan arrivals may have been eligible for and admitted in one of many other immigration categories, either at the time of their arrival at a port of entry or through a change afterwards.

### **Afghan SI LPRs and SI CPRs:**

Afghan SI LPRs and SI CPRs meet the immigration status requirement for NA and CA benefits under section 602(b)(8) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. § 1101 note). When all other eligibility requirements are met, these participants are eligible for NA and CA benefits indefinitely without a waiting period.

The SI LPRs generally have foreign passports with a DHS, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) stamp admitting them with any of the following Class of Admission (COA) codes:

- SQ1 (Arrival - Principal)
- SQ2 (Arrival - Spouse of SQ1)
- SQ3 (Arrival - Unmarried Child of SQ1)
- SQ6 (Adjustment - Principal)
- SQ7 (Adjustment - Spouse of SQ6)
- SQ8 (Adjustment - Child of SQ6)

The SI CPRs generally have foreign-issued passports with a DHS, CBP stamp admitting them with any of the following COA codes:

- CQ1 (Principal)
- CQ2 (Spouse of CQ1)

- CQ3 (Child of CQ1)

Some of the SI LPR or SI CPR arrivals may not have a physical immigrant visa or temporary Form I-551 stamp in their passport. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is also issuing a Form I-551, Permanent Resident Card, to these SI LPRs and SI CPRs. In addition, regardless of the documentation presented, the Verified Legal Presence (VLP) in HEAplus can provide initial verification of these arrivals except those whose case involves something unusual that may require additional verification.

### **Afghan SI Parolees and Non-SI Parolees:**

Afghan SI and Non-SI parolees are both paroled into the U.S. under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Both groups may have a Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), with a C11 category and/or a CBP "PAROLED" stamp in their passport.

The following Afghan SI and Non-SI parolee participants are eligible for NA and CA without a waiting period effective 09/30/2021 until 03/31/2023 or until the end of their parole term, whichever is later:

- Afghan citizens or nationals paroled into the United States between 07/31/2021 and 09/30/2022
- Their spouses or children paroled after 09/30/2022
- Their parents and guardians paroled after 09/30/2022 when the Afghan citizen or national is an unaccompanied child

SI Parolees have a separate, printed page on CBP letterhead with their Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record. SI Parolees are assigned the following COA codes:

- SQ4 (Principal)
- SQ5 (Dependent)

The printed page contains information including the following notation, and is signed and dated by a USCIS officer:

Special Immigrant Status (SQ/SI) Parolee  
Sec 602(b)(1) AAPA / Sec 1059(a) NDAA 2006  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ USCIS officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-SI parolees may also have a Form I-94 printed from the CBP Form I-94 website with any of the following COA codes:

- OAR (CBP implemented August 2021)
- PAR, DT (these or other parole COAs used instead of OAR before August and occasionally afterward)

For both SI and Non-SI Parolees, the VLP in HEAplus can provide an initial verification response.

The SAVE [fact sheet](#) includes detailed information and examples regarding Afghan arrival categories, documentation, and SAVE responses.

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## IMPORTANT

All Afghan refugee applications for FAA assistance during their first eight months in the U.S. must be processed at the following designated Refugee Offices:

- 285 - Applications received in Pima County
- 169 - Applications received in all other counties

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### Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

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FAA2.K08A.06 – [Noncitizen Paroled into the U.S.](#) [Prior Policy](#)

Added links for Afghan SI and Non-SI parolees. (Policy has been clarified as of 02/28/2022)

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FAA2.K08A.09 – [Special Immigrant Visa Holder.](#) [Prior Policy](#)

Updated policy with additional information regarding Afghan Arrival Categories, Documentation, and SAVE Response. (Policy has been clarified as of 02/28/2022)

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FAA2.K08A.10 – [Lawful Permanent Resident \(LPR\).](#) [Prior Policy](#)

Added link for Afghan LPRs. Changed formatting. (Policy has been clarified as of 02/28/2022)

**Reminder: Extension to Supplemental NA Benefits**

An [Urgent Bulletin](#) was emailed on 02/23/2022 to inform staff that supplemental NA benefits, as mentioned in the [Urgent Bulletin](#) emailed 04/10/2020, have been extended through 03/2022. Households receiving benefits for the benefit month of 03/2022, excluding zero-pay households, will receive an emergency supplement.

NOTE AZSNAP participants also receive emergency supplements.

The supplement amount added to AZTECS by FAA Systems will be the higher of the following:

- The maximum monthly allotment for March for the household size minus the household's NA benefit amount for March
- A minimum supplement amount of \$95

The emergency supplements in March will be issued:

- On 03/02/2022 for cases with the last name starting with A-B
- With the household's regular NA benefits during the normal NA Monthly Issuance Cycle for cases with the last name starting with C-Z

NOTE The supplements are added to the EBT card by close of business on the issuance day and may not be on the EBT card first thing in the morning.

When reviewing the FSBH and FSIH screens, the emergency supplement will display separately from the household's regular March allotment. The allotment is identified as \*CMAX on FSBH.

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For changes that are processed for the months of 04/2020 through 03/2022 which would normally have caused an increase in NA benefits, review the FSBH screen before authorizing any supplements. When the regularly issued allotment and the emergency supplement amount total the maximum allotment for the household size, no additional benefits should be authorized on UNAU. The change should be processed through the current system month in order for the correct benefit amount to be issued for the month of 04/2022.

For changes that are processed for the months of 04/2020 through 03/2022 which would normally have caused a decrease in NA benefits, the worker must process the change in the current system month in order for the correct benefit amount to be issued for the month of 04/2022. The household must be mailed a Notice of Adverse Action (NOAA) for 04/2022. For changes that result in ineligibility for NA, timely action must be taken to close the case allowing for NOAA.

FAA Systems completes a 'catch-up' job each month going back four months to issue any NA emergency allotment (EA) benefits that may not have been issued. The most common scenarios for issuance during this 'catch-up' job are:

- Cases that are reopened after EA issuance
- Cases with older application dates that are processed after EA issuance

Do not create emergency supplements providing maximum monthly NA allotments for benefit months 11/2021 through 03/2022.

For examples on processing reported changes and supplements on UNAU, see the [Urgent Bulletin](#) emailed on 04/15/2020 and the [Urgent Bulletin](#) emailed on 07/27/2021 being aware of the following:

- The process was extended through the benefit month of 03/2022.
- The emergency supplements must be elevated through Region Management unless the change occurred during the 'catch-up' job duration which goes back four months (12/2021 through 03/2022).
- The allotment amount may be higher than the maximum NA allotment effective the benefit month of 04/2021; therefore, do not send an overpayment referral when the NA benefits for the household exceeds the maximum NA allotment due to the \$95 minimum supplement.
- For benefit month 03/2022 and ongoing, use the Thrifty Food Plan at [FAA6.J10](#) to identify the maximum NA allotment amount.

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### IMPORTANT

Elevate supplement requests through Region Management when one or more of the following occur:

- The household reports an increase in the household size and the previously issued supplement was for a smaller household size.
- The household was previously in zero-pay status.
- NA benefits less than the NA maximum monthly allotment for the household size have been authorized for a benefit month that is more than four months in the past (04/2020 through

11/2021).

## General Information: Forms Update

Changes to Forms – 02/19/2022 through 02/25/2022

As a reminder, it is important not to save documents on your desktop or a folder. It is better to use the form you need directly from the [Document Center](#). Forms are frequently updated and sometimes the current form must be used for programming purposes.

Revised forms:

- No forms were revised during the specified period

Newly created forms:

- No forms were created during the specified period

Revised Marketing Materials (Posters, Pamphlets, Flyers):

- No revisions to marketing materials were made during the specified period

Forms Archived from the Document Center

- No forms were archived from the Document Center