

Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Time Limit Extension

06/01/2020

Program Impact: CA-RCA Only

This Urgent Bulletin is being issued to inform staff that effective 04/24/2020 the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) eligibility period was extended to 18 months. The extension is not to exceed eligibility through 09/30/2020 for clients arriving after 04/01/2019.

The RCA Time Limit Extension Waiver has been approved by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) pursuant to ORR Policy Letter 20-03, COVID-19 Extended Assistance for ORR Populations. The approved waiver only applies to time limit eligibility. Other eligibility criteria remain the same.

IMPORTANT

All RCA cases are processed only by the FAA Refugee Units

(Site Codes 169C and 285C)

RCA cases that were closed due to receiving maximum months of benefits between April and May of 2020 will be re-opened and extended through 09/30/2020. The FAA Refugee Unit and FAA Systems are working together to re-open these cases and automatically extend the eligibility for each case through 09/30/2020.

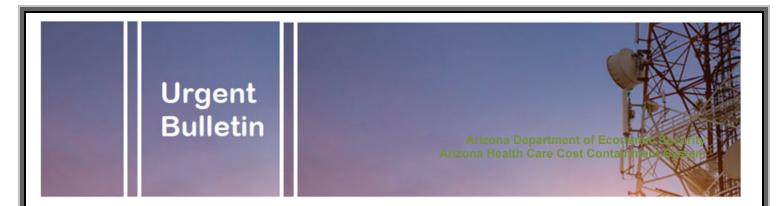
Clients in RCA cases closed between April 2019 through March 2020 will be notified through the R075 Notice about the opportunity to reapply to have their eligibility re-evaluated. Once it is determined that eligibility is met, the RCA approval period will be extended to 09/30/2020.

When a refugee related application is received in an FAA office other than a specified FAA Refugee Unit or through HEAplus, transfer the application to the appropriate FAA Refugee Unit within one workday and complete one of the following:

- Upload paper applications into OnBase and notify the FAA Refugee Unit via email to <u>faarefugeunit@azdes.gov</u>
- Fax paper applications to (623) 931-5676







• Transfer on CARC to one of the following:

RCA applications received in Pima County to site 285

RCA applications received in all other counties to site 169 when the case is already keyed

NOTE: When an RCA application is received without a referral from a Voluntary Agency (VOLAG), the FAA Refugee Unit worker notifies the appropriate VOLAG during the application process.

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