

## 08 Noncitizen Overview

**REVISION 09**  
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A victim of severe trafficking is certified by the [Office of Refugee Resettlement](#) (ORR) to have been subjected to one of the following:

- Commercial sex acts
- Debt bondage
- Involuntary servitude
- Peonage
- Slavery

The following apply to trafficking victims:

- They are not considered refugees by USCIS
- USCIS Arrival / Departure documents are not required
- The Trafficking Victim Protection Act of 2000 gives trafficking victims eligibility for the same benefits as refugees

A victim of severe human trafficking is potentially eligible for CA, NA, and full services MA for a period of seven years from the date that their status is granted.

### **MA EXCEPTION**

The seven year period does not apply. There is no maximum time limit for MA.

A certified victim and the immediate family members of severe trafficking who are later granted Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status are potentially eligible for CA, NA, and full services MA based on their previous status.