

.09 Special Immigrant Visa Holder

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Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders are individuals who enter the U.S. under a special visa issued by USCIS to Iraqi and Afghani citizens. These visas entitle the noncitizen to the same benefits and services as refugees; however the duration of eligibility is limited to either 6 or 8 months depending on their country of origin.

- SIV's from Iraq are eligible for CA, NA, and full services MA for a period of up to 8 months from their date of entry.
- SIV's from Afghanistan are eligible for CA, NA, and full services MA for a period of up to 6 months from their date of entry.

After the 6 or 8 month eligibility window has expired the SIV is only eligible for [FES](#) until the SIV becomes a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR). Once the SIV becomes an LPR the participant must meet the LPR eligibility criteria to be eligible CA, NA, or full services MA.

NA EXCEPTION

SIV's under the age of 18 are eligible to continue to receive NA until the month following their 18th birthday.