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Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Work First Managers and Supervisors

Subject: Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees Eligible for Work First

Priority: Information and Action Required

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

On May 21, 2022, Congress passed the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-128). Section 401 of this legislation provides that Ukrainian humanitarian parolees are now eligible to receive Work First.

Specifically, the following individuals are eligible to apply for Work First until the end of their parole term as determined by the Department of Homeland Security, and in the same way a refugee is eligible to apply for Work First:

- Citizens or nationals of Ukraine (or persons who last habitually resided in Ukraine) paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023;
- their spouses or children paroled after September 30, 2023; and
- their parents, legal guardians, or primary caregivers paroled after September 30, 2023, if the Ukrainian citizen or national is an unaccompanied child.

II. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

Ukrainian humanitarian parolees who entered the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and May 21, 2022, have a Work First eligibility date of May 21, 2022. If they entered or will enter the U.S. after May 21, 2022, their date of Work First eligibility is their date of parole. Ukrainian humanitarian parolees are eligible for Work First benefits and services until the end of their parole term which is determined by the Office of Homeland Security.

The general rules of Work First apply to these parolees as they would any Work First recipient.

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III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please submit them to the Continuous Quality Improvement Team (CQI) dss.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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