



Background:

The Federal Refugee Act of 1980 created the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to fund and coordinate post-arrival health assessments, time-limited medical services and cash assistance, and other benefits to Refugees, Asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, Special Immigrant Visa holders & federally-certified victims of human trafficking and other eligible entrants to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency as quickly as possible after their arrival to the U. S. In California, the Office of Refugee Health (ORH) coordinates the following:

1. Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP)

ORH allocates federal funds from ORR to impacted local health jurisdictions to support RHAPs to provide post-arrival medical and mental health screenings to ORR eligible entrants within 90 days from the date admitted to the U.S., from date of asylum adjudication, or from the date of certification.

Funded RHAP Counties:

Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara & Stanislaus
(Fee-for-Service: City of Long Beach, Imperial, Kern & San Bernardino)

RHAP Objectives:

- Prevent and control health problems of public health significance.
- To improve the general health status of ORR eligible entrants through early identification and referral for treatment of health conditions and linkage to primary care.

2. Refugee Medical Assistance Program (RMA)

In coordination with the Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division, the ORH provides medical benefits for the first eight months from the date admitted to the U.S., from date of asylum adjudication, or from the date of certification to ORR eligible entrants who are **NOT** eligible to receive Medi-Cal.

Statistics:

Individuals completing a Refugee health assessment during fiscal year 2015-16:

- 9,552 completed a health assessment
- 49% females & 51% males, 40% ≤ 19 yrs of age, 21% 19-29 yrs of age, 18% 30-39 yrs of age, 9% 40-49 yrs of age, 8% 50-64 yrs of age, 4% ≥ 65 yrs of age
- Top 3 countries of birth, 33% from Afghanistan, 20% from Iran & 12% from Iraq
- Top 3 health conditions, 23% Dental Caries, 18% Obesity, 16% Hyperlipidemia

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