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Subject: NonSubstantive Change Request –Refugee Data Submission for Formula Funds Allocations (ORR-5) (OMB #0970-0043)

This memo requests approval of nonsubstantive changes to the approved Refugee Data Submission for Formula Funds Allocations (ORR-5) (OMB #0970-0043)

Background

The House and Senate passed the continuing resolution (CR) in late September 2021. For the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), the CR authorizes the eligibility of Afghan Humanitarian Parolee (AHP) to receive services and benefits to the same extent as refugees. The current OMB approved ORR-5 form already collects eligible immigration status or category of individual. There is no existing option available to accurately capture the newly authorized AHP population. ORR is requesting to add the AHP option to the existing OMB approved form.

Overview of Requested Changes

The ORR-5 data submission provides ORR data that helps establish resource allocation for the Refugee Support Services (RSS) grant including set-asides; overall service information for Refugee Cash Assistance, Refugee Medical Assistance, Refugee Medical Screening, and RSS; and outcomes in the RSS program for clients and their family members with a Family Self-Sufficiency Plan. In the “ORR-5 Instruction Attachment” document, ORR requests to add “AHP” and “U.S. born AHP” as new options under the existing section: “8. Status or Category”. The ORR-5 Instructions have been updated to reflect the inclusion of the AHP population and their Eligibility Date, to improve clarity of instructions. ORR also requests to add a new reference of Policy Letter 22-01 on “Afghan Humanitarian Parolees and Unaccompanied Afghan Minors Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services.”

Time Sensitivities

Afghan humanitarian parolees became newly eligible for the applicable ORR benefits and services starting October 1, 2021, following the passage of the CR. Without a timely approval on adding this newly authorized eligibility type and immigration status/category for the hereinbefore forms, ORR is unable to ensure accurate data collection and reporting on services provided to the Afghan humanitarian parolees.