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Subject: NonSubstantive Change Request – State Plan for Grants to States for Refugee

Resettlement (OMB #0970-0351)

This memo requests approval of nonsubstantive changes to the approved information collection, State Plan for Grants to States for Refugee Resettlement (OMB #0970-0351).

Background

A State Plan is a required comprehensive narrative description of the nature and scope of a state's or Replacement Designees (RDs) Refugee Resettlement Program. It outlines detailed plans for a state's and RD's implementation of the required components.

The Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (AUSAA) authorizes ORR to provide resettlement assistance and other benefits available for refugees to specific Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals in response to their displacement from Ukraine and entry into the United States. ORR is seeking additions to the State Plan template for states and RDs to describe plans for serving Ukrainian individuals and families in their Refugee Support Services (RSS) services and set-aside services using AUSAA funds. Other minor revisions are requested to improve clarity and precision of the instructions.

Overview of Requested Changes

Under the existing section D: "Refugee Medical Screening (RMS)", where a state or RD describes and justifiesying medical screening and other services, ORR requests to provide specific reference of "CDC domestic medical examination guidance" to improve accuracy of the instructions. ORR also requests to revise the title of "Refugee Medical Screening" to "Medical Screening", to be consistent with 45 CFR § 400.107.

Under the existing section E: "Refugee Support Services (RSS) - 45 CFR 400 Subpart I", ORR requests to add descriptions of the RSS and RSS set-aside services provided to Ukrainian individuals and families using AUSAA funds. ORR requests to add new Policy Letter 22-11 and 22-12 to provide up-to-date guidance on allowable services under RSS program. ORR also requests to include "Support to Schools (S2S)" services to be more accurate and comprehensive when providing examples of specific services.

Time Sensitivities

With the passage of the AUSAA, states and RDs are currently preparing state plan amendment for submission in October 2022 using this template to outline detailed plans for implementation of the required components of their refugee resettlement programs. Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees and other ORR-eligible non-Ukrainian individuals have begun arriving in communities and are being served by the state and RD refugee resettlement programs. Approval is necessary as soon as possible to allow ORR to review, approve, and ensure timely services to be provided to the Ukrainian individuals and families.