
Refugees have permission to enter and live in the U.S. because of a well-founded fear of persecution in their home countries due to race, religion, membership in a particular social group, or due to political opinion. Refugee status is granted before the person enters the U.S.

Refugees are eligible for federal funding (MA program MA or MinnesotaCare program LL or FF). See §0906.03.03.03 (Qualified Non-Citizens--Program Provisions) and §0906.03.13 (MinnesotaCare Major Programs). Consider people originally admitted as refugees who later adjust to LPR status to be refugees for 7 years from the date of entry. See §0906.03.03.05 (Qualified Non-Citizens/Status Adjustment).

Require one of the following forms of verification of refugee status:

- > **USCIS** Form I-94 showing entry as a refugee and date of entry.
- > **USCIS** Form I-688B annotated 274a.12(a)(3).
- > **USCIS** Form I-766 annotated A3.
- > **USCIS** Form I-571.

Consider eligibility for Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) for refugees in their first 8 months in the U.S. who do not meet an MA basis of eligibility. RMA is also available to asylees, trafficking victims, Cuban/Haitian entrants and Amerasian immigrants who do not meet an MA basis. See §0907.21.13 (MA Basis--RMA).