
• DHS will continue following existing COVID-19 policies and procedures for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) until further notice.
DHS Provides Guidance about Afghan Immigrants’ Eligibility for Public Programs

• Afghan evacuees are being granted 4 different immigration statuses: Special Immigrant Visa Holders (Lawful Permanent Resident status), Special Immigrant Conditional Permanent Residents, Special Immigrant Parole (SQ Parole or SI Parole), and Humanitarian Parole.

• Afghan people with these statuses are eligible for federal and state benefits to the same extent as refugees. This includes:
  - Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
  - Diversionary Work Program (DWP)
  - Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - General Assistance (GA)
  - Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA)
  - Housing Support
  - Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
  - Medical Assistance (MA)
  - Minnesota Care
  - Minnesota Family Planning Program
  - Alternative Care
  - Office of Refugee Resettlement Programs and Services.
• Annual updates to the paper form

• Ethnicity and Race: We combined these questions and added information encouraging applicants to respond. Ethnicity and race data helps us identify disparities and improve health care for vulnerable communities.

• Past jobs: Space for applicants to write the name and Employer ID Number for past employers, if they have changed jobs or stopped working in the past six months. This is optional information, and will be used to resolve discrepancies.

• Income: Aligned with online application. Projected Annual Income help.
Thank You!

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