

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Aging; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Initial Review Group; Career Development Facilitating The Transition to Independence Study Section.

*Date:* June 9–10, 2022.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute on Aging Gateway Building 7201 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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#### National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Digestive Diseases Research Core Centers (P30).

*Date:* July 14–15, 2022.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, NIDDK, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Jian Yang, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7011, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–5452, (301) 594–7799 [yangj@extra.niddk.nih.gov](mailto:yangj@extra.niddk.nih.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of Refugee Resettlement

#### Extending Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medical Assistance From 8 Months to 12 Months

**AGENCY:** Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of change of eligibility period.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with ORR regulations, the Director of ORR is announcing the expansion of the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) eligibility period from 8 months to 12 months of assistance for participants whose date of eligibility for ORR benefits is on or after October 1, 2021. Through the Refugee Act of 1980, Congress authorized cash and medical assistance up to 36 months, yet by fiscal year (FY) 1992, mainly due to insufficient appropriations, ORR had

reduced the RCA and RMA eligibility periods to 8 months. For 30 years, ORR has not increased the RCA or RMA eligibility period. Extending the RCA and RMA eligibility period will lead to more effective resettlement, by providing refugee and other ORR-eligible populations with additional time to become self-sufficient.

**DATES:** The changes described in this **Federal Register** notice are effective as of the date of publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colleen Mahar-Piersma, Refugee Policy Unit, Division of Policy and Procedures, Office of the Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, by phone at (202) 260–5493, and email at [refugeepolicy@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:refugeepolicy@acf.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1980 Refugee Act (8 U.S.C. 1522(e)(1)) authorized the Director of ORR (hereinafter “the Director”) to provide RCA and RMA during the first 36 months after a refugee’s arrival in the United States or, for other ORR-eligible populations, after they became eligible for ORR benefits and services. (ORR-eligible populations, hereinafter referred to as “refugees,” are outlined within ORR Policy Letter (PL) 16–01, *Documentation Requirements for the Refugee Resettlement Program* and ORR PL 22–02, *Additional ORR-Eligible Statuses and Categories and Acceptable Documentation Requirements for Afghan Nationals*.)

ORR regulations (45 CFR 400.211(a)) authorize the Director to determine the time-eligibility period for RCA and RMA each year based on the appropriated funds available for the fiscal year. After Congress passed the Refugee Act of 1980, ORR provided refugees with RCA and RMA for the first 36 months after a refugee’s arrival. However, due to reduced appropriations, ORR had to decrease this assistance from 36 months to 18 months, then to 12 months, and finally, in FY 1992, to 8 months.

The proposed expansion of the RCA and RMA eligibility period would positively impact refugees who are not eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or Medicaid. Increasing the RCA and RMA eligibility period enables refugees to address any medical and mental health issues that would impede their ability to become self-sufficient. Additionally, an expanded eligibility period allows refugees to focus on the Congressional priorities for assistance, as outlined in the Refugee Act, of acquiring English, receiving employment training, and securing employment, with the increase in