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**CUBAN/HAITIAN
ENTRANT PROGRAM**

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69-301 GENERAL STATEMENT 69-301

In accordance with Title V (Fascell-Stone Amendment) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-422, October 10, 1980 as interpreted in 45 CFR Part 401), there is hereby established a Cuban/Haitian Entrant Program (CHEP) to provide eligible Cubans and Haitians with cash assistance and social services.

CHEP is separate and apart from the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP), however, the objectives, administration, the level of Federal Financial Participation, program eligibility criteria and case maintenance policies are identical to those of the RRP. There is a special cash assistance program within CHEP for Cuban and Haitian Entrants known as Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA). Eligibility criteria for ECA benefits shall be the same as those outlined in RRP regulations, MPP Chapter 69-200, except that the definition of a refugee is not applicable to CHEP or ECA. All current CalWORKs Program regulations relating to financial eligibility and payments apply unless superseded by the Entrant Cash Assistance Program regulations contained herein, or the RRP regulations in Chapter 69-200.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code.

69-302 CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANTS STATUS REQUIREMENTS 69-302

Cuban and Haitian entrants with the following statuses are eligible for RRP benefits.

- .1 Any individual granted parole status as a Cuban/Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) or granted any other special status subsequently established under the immigration laws for nationals of Cuba or Haiti, regardless of the status of the individual at the time assistance or services are provided.
- .2 A national of Cuba or Haiti who was paroled into the United States and has not acquired any other status under the INA and with respect to whom a final, nonappealable, and legally enforceable order of removal, deportation or exclusion has not been entered.
- .3 A national of Cuba or Haiti who is the subject of removal, deportation or exclusion proceedings under the INA and with respect to whom a final, nonappealable, and legally enforceable order of removal, deportation or exclusion has not been entered; or
- .4 A national of Cuba or Haiti who has an application for asylum pending with the USCIS and with respect to whom a final, nonappealable, and legally enforceable order of removal, deportation or exclusion has not been entered.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; and 45 CFR 400.66(a).

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Time eligibility for Cuban Haitian Entrant's, including entrant children born in United States resettlement camps, begins with their date of parole (release from USCIS custody).

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code.

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The term ECA refers to the federally-funded program of cash assistance which is available to Cuban or Haitian Entrants who do not meet the categorical requirements of other state/federal cash assistance programs (CalWORKs or SSI/SSP).

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code.

69-305	UNACCOMPANIED CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANT MINORS	69-305
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- .1 An unaccompanied entrant minor is a Cuban/Haitian entrant who:
 - .11 Meets the age requirements of MPP Section 42-101.1; and
 - .12 Entered the United States unaccompanied by a parent or one of the following immediate adult relatives: grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, or any adult who arrived having documentable legal evidence of custody of the minor; and
 - .13 Has no parent(s) in the United States.
- .2 Unaccompanied entrant minors reunited with nonparental adult relatives or under the care of legally responsible adults shall be considered as unaccompanied minors if they were unaccompanied at the time of their entry into the United States.
- .3 Provisions in Sections 69-213.2 through .8, unaccompanied refugee minors, shall apply to unaccompanied entrant minors.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 300, 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code.

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- .1 Case Numbers - General

All ECA cases, including those for unaccompanied minors, shall be designated with the aid code 08.