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Issue Date: 01/18/2008

Topic: Other

Subject: Special Immigrant Visas - Iraqi and Afghan Translators

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Action Required: Contact Refugee Program Analysts

Reason for Action: On 12/26/07, President Bush signed HR 2764, the Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which includes language that provides for refugee resettlement eligibility for a six month period for Iraqi and Afghan aliens granted Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) status.

Currently, SIVs are not eligible for most federal benefits. We anticipate receiving official direction from federal agencies regarding the change in eligibility of SIV for federal benefits.

If you receive an application from an Iraqi or Afgahn SIV holder, please contact either of the Refugee Program Policy Analysts listed below.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

If you have any questions about this action request, contact:

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