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## **Continued eligibility for the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program for Unaccompanied Afghan Minors**

Dear Colleague Letter 23-19

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Dear Colleague:

The Afghanistan Supplemental Assistance Act, 2022 (ASA) authorized ORR to serve Unaccompanied Afghan Minors (UAMs) granted humanitarian parole through its Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program. The ASA permits ORR to serve UAMs for the time period described in the Refugee Act, which is until the month after the child turns eighteen or the higher age prescribed by the State's child welfare services plan. As such, ORR will continue to serve UAMs through its URM program if and when their humanitarian parole expires.

These UAMs will remain eligible for the same range of child welfare services and benefits available to other foster children in the state of placement, in accordance with 45 CFR 400.116(a) and as noted in state plans submitted by States approved by ORR to operate URM programs.

While the State, county, or private agency has established legal responsibility for the UAM, in accordance with 45 CFR 400.115(a), ORR will continue to fund the care and services provided to UAMs in the URM program.

If you have any questions about this DCL, please contact Anne Mullooly, URM Program Supervisor, at [Anne.Mullooly@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Anne.Mullooly@acf.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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