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Summary of Revision

Providing information regarding the Haitian Family Reunification Program (HFRP).

Apple Health (Medicaid) Manual revision via track changes:

Qualified Aliens

In general, Qualified Aliens who are exempt from, or who have met, the 5-year bar are eligible for federally-funded Apple Health (Medicaid) programs. Qualified Aliens who are not exempt from and have not yet met the 5-year bar are eligible for state-funded Apple Health programs if they are a pregnant woman or child or if they have a qualifying emergency under the Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) program as described under WAC 182-507-0110.

Hmong or Highland Laotian Tribe Members

Hmong (or Highland Laotian) tribe members born before May 8, 1975, whose tribe assisted the U.S. military during Vietnam era (August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975) are "Qualified Aliens" and eligible for Apple Health (Medicaid) without having to meet the

5-year bar. The tribe member's spouse and unmarried dependent children under age 19 automatically qualify as a result of the spouse's special immigration status.

If the applicant does not have USCIS documentation of this status, he or she may submit the following statement under penalty of perjury: I was a Hmong (or Highland Laotian) tribe member when the tribe assisted the U.S. military during Vietnam era (August 5,1964 to May 7, 1975).

Cuban/Haitian Entrants

Individuals approved for the Haitian Family Reunification Parole (HFRP) program will enter the U.S. as Cuban/Haitian entrants under 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 and are "Qualified Aliens" who are exempt from the 5-year bar.

Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrants

Immigrants from Iraq or Afghanistan who were granted Special Immigrant Status under section 101(a)(27) of the INA are qualified aliens and are eligible for federally-funded Washington Apple Health. Their eligibility period starts from their date of entry into the United States or, if occurred after the U.S. entry, the date Special Immigrant Status was granted. For more information on documentation, immigration status codes, benefit eligibility and a step-by-step process for these immigrants, see Desk Aid Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants Benefits.