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SUBJECT: Policy Clarification for I-94 Documents Issued to Certain Haitians with Restrictive Language

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This memorandum addresses several questions received by headquarters concerning recent restrictive language added to the I-94 (Arrival/Departure Records) document issued to certain Haitians.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has issued I-94s to certain Haitians that indicate a parole, but contain the following statement: *"This form does not convey authorization to receive any type of public benefit."* A Haitian with a current or expired parole status meets the definition of a Haitian Entrant and is a "qualified noncitizen" eligible for all public assistance benefits (food assistance, Temporary Cash Assistance, Medicaid, and Refugee Assistance Program), provided all other program eligibility requirements are met.

The presence of the above language does not invalidate the I-94, indicating a "parole" status nor does it make the paroled Haitian ineligible for public assistance. The noncitizen guide will be updated with this clarification.

If there are policy questions, region offices may email Connie Mathers at connie.mathers@myflfamilies.com

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