



POLICY CHANGE ALERT #15-007F

HAITIAN FAMILY REUNIFICATION PAROLE PROGRAM

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Summary

Programs Impacted: NA and CA

The Haitian Family Reunification Parole (HFRP) Program has been created to expedite family reunification for eligible Haitian family members of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (LPR). Under the HFRP Program, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will offer certain Haitian beneficiaries, of family based immigrant petitions, an opportunity to apply for a grant of parole for approximately two years to enter the U.S. This would allow the beneficiaries to wait for their immigrant visas with their families in the U.S. rather than in Haiti. USCIS began accepting applications for the HFRP Program on February 2, 2015.

Those approved for the HFRP program will be paroled into the U.S. as Cuban-Haitian entrants. This allows them to be eligible for benefits without a waiting period.

Revision Details

The FAA Policy Manual will be updated to include the information in this Policy Change Alert during one of the next bimonthly revisions. Until then, an alert will be placed in each revised section with a link to this document as a reminder of the policy change.

POLICY REFERENCE: FAA2.N08A.03 – Cuban or Haitian Entrant

A Cuba or Haitian entrant is an individual who has fled to the U.S. from either Cuba or Haiti to escape oppression or persecution.

NOTE Haitian nationals who resided in the United States on January 12, 2010, were granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS), due to the earthquake in their country. TPS does not satisfy qualified non-citizenship eligibility criteria. Therefore they are not eligible for CA, NA or full services MA, unless they meet other qualifying criteria.

Cuban or Haitian Entrant status is granted by USCIS for seven years. A Cuban or Haitian entrant noncitizen is potentially eligible for CA, NA, and full services MA.

A Cuban or Haitian entrant who is later granted Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status is potentially eligible for CA, NA, and full services MA based on their previous status.



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The Haitian Family Reunification Parole program (HFRP) allows Haitian beneficiaries of family based immigrants the opportunity to apply for a grant of parole for approximately two years while residing in the U.S with their family. Those approved for the HFRP program will be paroled into the U.S. as Cuban-Haitian entrants. This allows them to be eligible for benefits without a waiting period.

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