

Notes from 5/10/2012 EDN workgroup call

Attendees: Meghan Weems, Kendra Cuffe, Daniel Wenger, Kate Penrose, Sam Householder, Maureen Murphy, Jose Zabala, Shameer Poonja, Blain Mamo, Phil Lowenthal

Suggestions

EDN Requests

- 1) Jose suggested we create a spreadsheet for our pending EDN change requests. Maureen and Adam will compile previously discussed issues without and send around for suggestions on priority. Items will remain on the list until resolved.
 - a. Sam suggested grouping items according to EDN area; face sheet, alien Information page, transfers, etc.

Discussions

TB Inter-jurisdictional transfer protocol

- 1) Phil reminded us that we should review the Inter-jurisdictional transfer document for immigrants. Please email him with changes or suggestions.

Quarantine branch recommendation of action for immigrant children with TB waivers

- 2) Adoptees. Q branch will work with CBP to make sure they get the best and most accurate address for adoptees, so that it's not just a law office address that we have as contact information.

EDN User issues

- 1) ***"In Maryland, we have a resettlement agency (ECDC) that resettles in Maryland, Virginia, and DC, is there any way to separate the EDN notifications before they are sent to us, so that we don't receive info. on clients from other states. Are there any other states/jurisdictions with this same problem?"***

Resettlement agency may be the only address listed, so all notifications are going to whatever state the agency is in. This may be something that needs to be worked out between the HD and resettlement agency. EDN sends notifications to whatever the most detailed address information is.

- 2) ***"I've been giving my local staff the info on pre-departure treatment if available as well as any immunizations noted on the alien info page in EDN. The nurse here has checked the IOM bags and hasn't found anything about the immunizations or pre-departure treatment matching the info I gave her from EDN alien info page. I'd suggested she check there to get more details, but she didn't find anything. I guess she has to rely on what I give her from the alien info page, yes?" Request: Jen needs confirmation from EDN help desk or other staff (but the answer may be a useful reminder for all users)"***

Pre-departure medical information is collected after the refugee has had their last screening and right before they depart for the US. So the PDMS part of the alien information page most often will have even more up to date information than the DS Forms since they are sealed after the refugee has had the last medical screening which can be weeks/months before departure.

- 3) ***“Minnesota (Sue Dicker): “We're noticing that arrivals with a V92 visa type (we're thinking they are derivative Asylees but we need a clear definition of the V92 visa) are being coded as refugees in EDN. Is that correct or a misclassification? This designation affects how we and Local public health agencies manage cases.”***

I do not think there was a resolution- from what I understood, there are situations where derivative asylees with V92 VISAs are incorrectly being coded as Refugees in EDN. I do not think anyone had a suggestion for how to correct this.

Next meeting: July 12, 2012 @1:00 EST