



Overview of U.S. Refugee Admissions Tracks & Health Considerations

Background

In federal fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program expanded the tracks supporting refugee resettlement to meet the federal goal to welcome refugees and special immigrant visa holders. New pathways included Welcome Corps, virtual reception and placement, cash-based reception and placement, and remote placement. Each program provides different pathways and approaches to post-arrival case management support.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Global Migration and Health maintains the Electronic Disease Notification system (EDN). EDN is a centralized electronic reporting system that notifies U.S. state and local health departments and screening clinics of the arrival of refugees and immigrants with health conditions requirement medical follow-up. Information available within EDN reflects the different U.S. Refugee Admissions Program tracks and points of contact.

The Association of Refugee Health Coordinators developed this document to clarify health-related considerations and their intersection with the new U.S. Refugee Admissions Program tracks, including EDN. De-identified screenshots of the EDN Alien Information page are included in this document as references for clinics and health departments. Information is subject to change over time.

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	Standard Reception & Placement (R&P)	Remote Placement	Independent or Cash-based Reception & Placement (R&P)*	Virtual Reception & Placement (R&P)	Welcome Corps Matching	Welcome Corps Naming	WelcomeCorps on Campus	WelcomeCorps at Work
Are individuals with Significant Medical Condition (SMC) eligible?	Yes	Yes	No	Potentially	No	Yes	Yes	No
Are Class B (not SMC) eligible?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Is there an overseas medical exam & EDN record?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Initial case management support	Yes	Yes	No, resource guide only	Yes, virtual	Private sponsorship group (PSG)	Private sponsorship group (PSG)	Private sponsorship group (PSG), university	Private sponsorship group (PSG), workplace
Housing	Depending on location	CBO to provide housing	US tie to provide housing	US tie to provide housing	Private sponsorship group (PSG) to provide housing	Private sponsorship group (PSG) to provide housing	Private sponsorship group (PSG) to provide housing	Private sponsorship group (PSG) to provide housing
Connection to Refugee Medical Screening	Yes	Yes	No, resource guide only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Support with health insurance enrollment	Yes	Yes	No, resource guide only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Connection to Primary Care	Not required	Not required	No, resource guide only	Not required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

* While Cash-based R&P does not generally include any affiliate-provided services, there can be exceptions made at the local level for particular services that in that community are not reasonable to expect a newcomer to be able to do on their own/outside of the affiliate, even with written instructions/guidance. These services will be determined at the affiliate level in collaboration with other LRAs and the SRC / SRHC.

EDN Examples by U.S. Refugee Admission Program Track

De-identified screenshots of the EDN Alien Information page are included in this document as references. These examples are current as of the date of publication however, information is subject to change over time.

Standard Reception and placement (Standard R&P)

TB Classification:	None		
Volag Name:	WR World Relief Refugee S	Affiliate or Local Sponsor's Address	
	Relative Sponsor's Address	Organization:	
Sponsor Name:		Name:	Name of local resettlement agency contact
Address Line 1:	Address of US tie (if relevant)	Address Line 1:	Address of local resettlement agency
Address Line 2:		Address Line 2:	
City State Zip:		City State Zip:	
Phone:	Phone of US tie (if relevant)	Business Phone:	Phone of local resettlement agency
Alternate Phone:		Business Fax:	
Email:		Business Email:	

Notes

- Some clients may have information in the Relative Sponsor's Address section, but this is not required.

Virtual Reception and Placement (Virtual R&P)

TB Classification:	None		
Volag Name:	IRC International Rescue	Affiliate or Local Sponsor's Address	
	Relative Sponsor's Address	Organization:	-
Sponsor Name:		Name:	,
Address Line 1:	Address of US tie	Address Line 1:	-
Address Line 2:		Address Line 2:	
City State Zip:		City State Zip:	-, -, -
Phone:	Phone of US tie	Business Phone:	-
Alternate Phone:		Business Fax:	
Email:		Business Email:	

Notes

- For Virtual R&P clients, EDN users should expect to see the name of the national resettlement agency in the Volag name field and Relative Sponsor's Address fields. These cases receive virtual case management support therefore information will not be available in the Affiliate or Local Sponsor's Address section.

- An overview of Virtual R&P is available from IRC here: <https://signpost-virtual-services.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/30119889058196-FAQs-Virtual-Reception-Placement-VR-P-Program>

Welcome Corps

TB Classification: None		Affiliate or Local Sponsor's Address	
Volag Name:	CSH / Community Sponsorship	Organization:	Private Sponsorship Group's Name
Relative Sponsor's Address		Name:	-
Sponsor Name:	.	Address Line 1:	Private Sponsorship Group's
Address Line 1:	.	Address Line 2:	Address
Address Line 2:	.	City State Zip:	.
City State Zip:	.	Business Phone:	Private Sponsorship Group's Phone
Phone:	.	Business Fax:	.
Alternate Phone:	.	Business Email:	.
Email:	.		

Notes

- For individuals arriving through Welcome Corps, EDN users should expect to see the Volag Name field: CSH/Welcome Corps.
- The Affiliate or Local Sponsor's Address field should include the name, address and phone number for the local Private Sponsorship Group (PSG) contact point.
- No information regarding the Private Sponsorship Organization (PSO) or specific Welcome Corps track (Naming, Matching, Work or Campus) is available in EDN.

Independent or Cash-based Reception and Placement

TB Classification: None		Affiliate or Local Sponsor's Address	
Volag Name:	WR World Relief Refugee S	Organization:	
Relative Sponsor's Address		Name:	Name of local resettlement agency contact
Sponsor Name:	.	Address Line 1:	Address of local resettlement agency
Address Line 1:	Address of US tie (if relevant)	Address Line 2:	.
Address Line 2:	.	City State Zip:	.
City State Zip:	.	Business Phone:	Phone of local resettlement agency
Phone:	Phone of US tie (if relevant)	Business Fax:	.
Alternate Phone:	.	Business Email:	.
Email:	.		

Notes

- Some clients may have information in the Relative Sponsor's Address section, but this is not required.

Remote Placement

TB Classification: None	
Volag Name: National resettlement agency name	Affiliate or Local Sponsor's Address
Relative Sponsor's Address	Organization:
Sponsor Name:	Name: Name of local community-based organization
Address Line 1: Address of US tie (if relevant)	Address Line 1: Address of local community-based organization
Address Line 2:	Address Line 2:
City State Zip:	City State Zip:
Phone: Phone of US tie (if relevant)	Business Phone: Phone of local community-based organization
Alternate Phone:	Business Fax:
Email:	Business Email:

Notes

- “Remote Placement” does not necessarily mean the location is remote, rather it refers to a national resettlement agency partnering with a local community-based organization that is outside of their typical network of affiliates. Remote placement may occur in communities where there are not any existing refugee services or in areas with other resettlement agencies present.
- For remote placement clients, the Volag Name field indicates the name of the national resettlement agency partnering with the local community based organization.
- The Affiliate or Local Sponsor’s Address reflects the name of the local community-based organization supporting the client. Note that “remote placement” partners are not officially designated local resettlement agency affiliates but support completion of Reception and Placement services for clients.