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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2005

TO: Myrna Laborda- Senior Human Services Program Specialist
Suncoast Access Florida Zone Program Office

FROM: Jennifer Lange, Chief, Program Policy (**Signature on File**)

SUBJECT: FSET AGPI Referrals for Refugees

This is in response to your request for a policy clearance on the above subject.

Reason for Clearance:

This clearance is being requested to clarify food stamp employment and training work program participation for refugees:

Background Information:

During the combined monthly meeting with our workforce partners (ACS), the issue of the coding of FSET participants to code 66 is always addressed. Their issue is that at the time that a food stamp only client is referred on the AGPI screen as a code 66, the alert is not received by the agencies funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement Program (ORR). The alert is received by FSET. They in turn notify the ORR agencies. DCF eligibility staff is also confused on the correct coding for food stamp only refugee participants. We have informed them that we are to code the participants as code 66.

Statement In Question:

What would be the correct referral code for refugees applying for food stamps only and for what period of time would this code remain on the AGPI screen? Do we refer the client to these agencies or would we code the client as a regular participation status of 18, 01, or 03 on the AGPI screen.

Program Office Response:

The participants who are refugees are to be referred to the ORR agency and coded "66" on the AGPI screen for up to 60 months from date of entry.

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Central Office Response:

Food stamp only recipients with an immigration status that would otherwise qualify them for the Refugee Cash Assistance Program (example: refugees) and who have been in the United States for five years or less should be coded "66" on the AGPI screen.

If there are any questions, district/zone offices should contact Gary D. Scott at (850) 413-7427 or Suncom 293-7427.

cc: Director (Shaver)
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