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Transition of the Alabama Refugee Resettlement Program

Dear Colleague Letter 22-17

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Dear Colleagues:

Effective April 1, 2022, Inspiritus will assume the role of Replacement Designee (RD) for Alabama, coordinating and administering the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Refugee Medical Screening (RMS), and Refugee Support Services (RSS) components of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)-funded Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) in the state. The Alabama Medicaid Agency (AMA) will remain the administrator for the ORR-funded Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) program.

Since 2002, Alabama Catholic Social Services (AL CSS) conducted oversight, coordination, and administration of the RCA, RMS, and RSS components of the RRP in Alabama, while AMA administered the RMA component. However, on June 9, 2021, AL CSS informed ORR of its intent to withdraw from the administration of the RRP in Alabama, effective March 31, 2022. Since that notification, ORR, AL CSS, Inspiritus, and AMA have worked together to ensure a smooth administrative transition and continuity of services to refugees and other ORR-eligible populations.

ORR values the support of all states and replacement designees to welcome newcomers into the fabric of our nation. ORR appreciates its long partnership with AL CSS in support of the shared mission to facilitate refugees' self-sufficiency and successful transition to life in the United States, and ORR looks forward to continuing such efforts in partnership with Inspiritus and AMA.

Sincerely,

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