

Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Holders - Eligibility for Public Assistance Eligibility Period Chart

Iraqi SIV Holders:

Effective December 26, 2007, an Iraqi SIV holder is eligible for benefits and services for six months from the date he or she was admitted to the U.S. as an Iraqi Special Immigrant or was granted such status after already being in the U.S. As of January 28, 2008, the time period for eligibility for Iraqi SIV holders was extended to eight months from the date SIV status is granted. No benefits or services can be provided prior to the effective date of Public Law 110-161, December 26, 2007, or prior to the application date for benefits and services.

Provided that all eligibility factors are met and the Iraqi Special Immigrant is eligible from the date of application, the following is an example of how the eligibility period would be determined:

Date of Entry or Date SIV Status is Granted - Iraqi	Date of Application (JFS 07200)	Eligibility Period (Cash and Food Stamps)
October 11, 2007 – Eight months from date of entry is October 11 through May 31.	January 8, 2008	5 months – January 8, 2008 through May 31, 2008.
December 12, 2007 – Eight months from date of entry is December 12 through July 31.	February 26, 2008	6 months – February 26, 2008 through July 31, 2008.
September 30, 2008 – Eight months from the date of entry is September 30 through April 30.	October 16, 2008	7 months – October 16, 2008 through April 30, 2009.

Afghan SIV Holders

Effective December 26, 2007, an Afghan SIV holder is eligible for benefits and services for *six* months from the date he or she was admitted to the U.S. as an Afghan Special Immigrant. No benefits or services can be provided prior to the effective date of the law, December 26, 2007, or prior to the application date for benefits and services.

Therefore, provided that all eligibility factors are met and the Afghan Special Immigrant is eligible from the date of application, the following is an example of how the eligibility period would be determined:

Date of Entry or Date SIV Status is Granted - Afghan	Date of Application (JFS 07200)	Eligibility Period (Cash and Food Stamps)
October 11, 2007 – Six months from date of entry is October 11 through March 31.	January 8, 2008	3 months – January 8, 2008 through March 31, 2008.
December 12, 2007 – Six months from date of entry is December 12 through May 31.	February 26, 2008	4 months – February 26, 2008 through May 31, 2008.
September 30, 2008 – Six months from the date of entry is September 30 through February 28.	October 16, 2008	5 months – October 16, 2008 through February 28, 2009.