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Subject: Message #6 of FY 2018: Update on USRAP Operations -- Requesting SAOs

Dear Colleagues,

Following the conclusion of the 90-day review period for the 11 SAO nationalities, Resettlement Support Centers (RSCs) are now able to resume requesting Security Advisory Opinions (SAOs) via WRAPS, according to the guidelines set forth below. RSCs should request SAOs only after all expanded data has been collected (in accordance with Program Announcement 2018-04) and after the DataColl is updated in WRAPS (in accordance with message #4 sent on 1/11/2018). As a reminder, RSCs must adhere to the changes to SAO requirements listed in Program Announcement 2018-05.

Based on the volume of cases that require an SAO, coupled with vetting partner capacity, each RSC will have a monthly allocation capping the total number of individual SAO requests that can be submitted in WRAPS in order to ensure that the most time sensitive cases are processed as quickly as possible. Each RSC is best positioned to determine which SAO should be requested based on medical needs, security/protection concerns, or minors who are at risk of aging out, or individuals whose travel documents will soon expire. RSCs should focus on requesting SAOs for cases who are post DHS interview and not on long-term holds in order to move these cases toward travel if the SAO comes back as clear. Please note that the anticipated turnaround time for SAO responses may be 1-3 months.

Starting on February 3, 2018, and on the first day of every month (or following business day), RSCs will be able to initiate monthly SAO requests via WRAPS. RSCs have the flexibility to request their entire monthly allocation on the first day of every month or request SAOs throughout the month, as long as the individual SAO requests do not exceed the monthly cap. As a reminder, some SAOs [Redacted] These SAOs will not count against the RSC’s monthly allocation. SAOs that need to be re-requested due to Biodiffs will count against a monthly allocation. If an RSC is unable to meet the monthly allocation, please contact your program officer as early as possible so the monthly allocation may be reapportioned as needed.

RSCs should contact their program officer if they encounter a particularly urgent case that needs an SAO after the monthly allocation has been reached. PRM will be able to approve certain SAO requests that exceed monthly allocations on a limited basis. PRM/A also has the ability to request SAO expedites in exceptional circumstances for a limited number of cases. Please contact your program officer if you have such cases in your pipeline.

We will continue to assess partner capacity to determine whether we can increase the monthly allocation. Should the monthly allocations change or should there be any change to the above-mentioned policy, we will provide additional guidance as soon as possible.
For this month, please prioritize requesting SAOs as early as possible during the week of February 4 so that we can work with vetting partners to process these SAOs and ensure all of the upgrades to the SAO interface are now complete.

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Many thanks, Hilary

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Subject: Message #5 FY 2018: Update on USRAP operations

Dear Colleagues,
The 90-day review of SAO nationalities ended on January 22. In addition to the processing that resumed pursuant to the injunction issued in litigation, we want to clarify that processing of SAO nationals should now be conducted in accordance with Program Announcement 2018-04 on expanded data collection and Program Announcement 2018-05 on changes to SAO requirements. RSCs should re-request security checks where there is a biodiff, and move cases forward for stamping as appropriate.

While manual requests are ongoing, automated SAO requests through WRAPS are scheduled to restart soon. More specific guidance will be forthcoming. Instructions for putting together Q3 circuit ride/interview requests will also be circulated shortly.

Regards, Kelly

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