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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

11 S.A., et al.,  
12 Plaintiffs,  
13 v.  
14 JOSEPH R. BIDEN, in his official capacity as  
President of the United States, et al.,  
15 Defendants.  
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Case No. 18-CV-03539 LB

**DEFENDANTS' SIXTEENTH QUARTERLY  
REPORT**

Honorable Laurel Beeler

17 Pursuant to the parties' Binding Memorandum of Agreement of April 11, 2019 (ECF No. 90),  
18 the Court's Order of April 12, 2019 (ECF No. 91), and the Stipulated Final Judgment and Order for  
19 Permanent Injunction (ECF No. 99), Defendants submit their Sixteenth Quarterly Report, attached  
20 hereto, regarding the CAM Parole Program.

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## **CAM Parole Status Report (April 3, 2023)**

Pursuant to paragraph 9 of the April 12, 2019, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), USCIS submits this “sixteenth quarterly report” of its implementation progress. Unless otherwise noted, the information in this report is current as of March 6, 2023.

### **IOM Contract Lapse**

On January 19, 2023, the USCIS contract with IOM lapsed without a renewal agreement. USCIS is diligently working to get the contract renewed. The current estimated renewal date is April 2023.

Due to the contract lapse, IOM is unable to assist with processing CAM parole cases, though IOM has continued to do some CAM beneficiary correspondence and medical updates, primarily consisting of receiving and responding to inquiries (calls, emails, drop ins) from beneficiaries or from USCIS. However, USCIS has taken several steps to mitigate the impact of this IOM contract lapse on CAM operations. USCIS is providing the option of allowing CAM parolees to continue their cases without IOM assistance. For example, in March 2023, USCIS emailed CAM U.S.-based parents of 44 travel-ready beneficiaries covered by this settlement to ask if they wished to book travel on their own, without IOM assistance, or wait for the IOM contract to be in place to receive IOM assistance. Parents booking travel for their own children and other related beneficiaries must book at their own expense. A Shapiro Foundation-funded ticket can only be purchased by IOM based on agreements between IOM and the Shapiro Foundation as well as IOM and United Airlines. Unfortunately, USCIS is unable to book Shapiro Foundation-funded travel for CAM beneficiaries.

As of March 31, 2023, 30 individuals have responded that they wish their beneficiary to travel without IOM assistance, and 14 beneficiaries have come to the USCIS San Salvador Field Office to pick up their Form I-512L, Authorization for Parole of an Alien into the United States. Their I-512Ls permit them to travel to a U.S. port of entry to seek parole into the United States from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

As a further step to mitigate the effect of the contract lapse, USCIS has also recently provided guidance that increases agency flexibility on the medical examination requirement prior to parole authorization for certain CAM beneficiaries with medicals that expired during the contract lapse and who were unable to travel during that time.

### **Continuing Impact of Coronavirus on CAM Processing**

Prior to the contract lapse, in El Salvador, IOM was scheduling 20-30 beneficiaries per week for medicals and each beneficiary needs to have a COVID test 48 hours before the medical screening. The COVID tests were being scheduled from Monday to Saturday, and the panel sites can medically screen beneficiaries from Monday to Friday. If an individual tests positive for COVID or has flu-like symptoms, that individual will have to delay their medical screening, and as seen in the last quarterly report, this requirement has impacted the timeline of some cases.

### **Timeline Updates**

Steps: Estimated timelines are approximate and may shift depending on unforeseen factors as well as those noted above.

Further to paragraph 8 of the MOA, USCIS notes the following progress on the Compliance Plan. For reference, USCIS has reproduced the tasks, estimated timeline and comments from the Compliance Plan, and provided a status update and date of completion on each tasking.

<b>Compliance Plan filed on April 18, 2019</b>			<b>Status updates April 3, 2023 Parole Status Report*</b> <i>*Unless otherwise noted, information current as of March 6, 2023</i>	
<i>Task</i>	<i>Estimated Completion Timeline</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Actual Completion Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
USCIS will verify lawful status of all qualifying family members in the United States	March 21 - April 8, 2019	Completed initial verification for approximately 1,670 qualifying family members in the United States	Completed on May 20, 2019.	Completed.
USCIS will update automated security checks for all beneficiaries	March 25 - April 12, 2019	Completed initial security checks for approximately 2,700 individuals; does not include resolution of adverse information.	Completed on April 23, 2019.	Completed - Prior notes below:  Additional checks will be conducted during later stages of processing.
USCIS will update automated security checks for all qualifying family members in the United States	April 15-23, 2019	Approximately 1,670 qualifying family members in the United States	Completed on April 23, 2019.	Completed - Prior notes below:  Additional checks will be conducted during processing.
USCIS will post updated materials to the USCIS website, as necessary about court order and ongoing compliance	May 6, 2019 – TBD, ongoing as necessary	Basic information about court order can be posted by May 6. More information about case processing to be posted as notification to impacted family members is sent.	Completed.  See status update for dates of completion.	Completed - Prior notes below:  On May 21, 2019, USCIS posted basic information about the court order to the USCIS website in English and Spanish.  On June 18, 2019, USCIS posted further information about the settlement and permanent injunction online in English and Spanish. See <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/humanitarian-parole/central-american-minors-cam-information-parole-applicants">https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/humanitarian-parole/central-american-minors-cam-information-parole-applicants</a>

				USCIS also developed and posted on June 18 an online-self-check eligibility tool so that lawfully present parents and beneficiaries could instantly find out if their case is part of the settlement.
USCIS will establish mechanism to accept updated contact information for family members in the United States and their beneficiaries, including an email address.	June 3, 2019 - TBD		Completed on May 28, 2019.	Completed - Prior notes below:  There is a CAM-dedicated email address attached to the program notices and available online. USCIS has received and timely responded to inquiries through this email address since the notices were mailed in late May 2019, including updated contact information for impacted individuals and many other questions related to the CAM program.
USCIS will begin notifying qualifying family members in the United States of the court order and continued case processing	June 3, 2019 - TBD	Timeframe includes drafting of notice, AR-11 verification of addresses, and printing and mailing.	Completed on May 31, 2019.	Completed.
USCIS will re-establish a contract with IOM for in-country assistance	Discussions have begun – September 25, 2019.	A new or updated contract and procurement package will need to be cleared by DHS and IOM; for reference, standing up CAM initially took several months of negotiation with IOM and this timeframe may be shorter	Initially completed on September 25, 2019.  New Statement of Work contract signed between IOM and USCIS on Jan. 20, 2022.	Completed.
Department of State and USCIS will re-negotiate with consulate and panel physicians to determine how many CAM applicants can	Estimated early July 2019.	Under the program as previously constituted, the Embassy negotiated for panel physicians to accept as many as 5 per day (25 per week per physician.)	Completed on June 28, 2019.	Completed.

be processed each month.				
IOM will begin notifying beneficiaries abroad of continued case processing;	Estimated July 15, 2019, assuming completion of prior steps.	Actual timeframe is dependent on how much time IOM might need to build up staffing abroad. (Current estimate allows IOM only one month following the finalized contract to ensure they have the necessary staffing in place.)	In process.	<p>As of March 6, 2023, a total of 2,627 beneficiaries have been contacted by USCIS and IOM. Of these, 2,086 have been notified by IOM. Notification means that they have been contacted by USCIS or IOM, and subsequently attended a notification session in which IOM informed them of the next steps to continue the parole process. The remaining 541 beneficiaries were contacted but did not attend one of these notification sessions.</p> <p>The number of individuals notified is lower than the last court report due to an issue with double counting some individuals whom both USCIS and IOM had notified separately.</p> <p>Of the total of 2,627 individuals contacted by USCIS and IOM, 744 individuals did not continue CAM parole processing, for various reasons. These reasons included the beneficiary having already traveled to the United States or gotten married.</p> <p>52 of the 744 individuals who did not continue CAM parole processing were processed as refugees under CAM.</p>

				<p>Note, if the beneficiary or lawfully present parent asks for their case to be reopened to continue CAM parole processing in the future and are eligible, they may, while CAM processing is ongoing.</p> <p>USCIS and IOM are still unable to contact 226 individuals who are covered under this agreement. In addition to all prior efforts to contact, USCIS is currently also preparing notices to mail to the last known address of the CAM anchor parent in the U.S. as well as the beneficiary in another attempt to contact them regarding processing their CAM parole case.</p>
USCIS will schedule biometrics appointments when necessary.	TBD	Fingerprints will be collected by USCIS for any beneficiaries who turned 14 years old following the CAM Parole program termination. Fingerprints do not need to be collected again for conditional parolees who already had them collected prior to termination of program; instead, their fingerprints on file will be re-run for checks.	In process.	As of March 6, 2023, there is one case that requires biometrics collection. There are no limitations regarding the completion of biometrics. As USCIS learns of cases requiring biometrics, the cases are scheduled accordingly.
USCIS will begin appointments to collect biometrics if necessary.	Estimated July 29, 2019		In process.	Since June 21, 2019, USCIS has been taking required fingerprints. USCIS San Salvador and Guatemala City are able to collect biometrics in their offices.

IOM will begin to collect money and schedule new medical exams for all beneficiaries	Estimated August 26, 2019.	Actual timeframe depends on the family's ability to produce the money for the fee and the limited availability of physicians. There are five panel physicians in El Salvador, where the vast majority of beneficiaries will seek a new medical exam. There are four in Guatemala and three in Honduras. Last time, it took approximately one month for IOM NY to collect payment from parents in the United States.	In process.	In July 2019, USCIS began providing applicants with the option to schedule medical exams and pay the panel physician directly. 431 applicants were given an instruction sheet by USCIS on how to schedule their own appointments. IOM later assumed this task. IOM has contacted 1,771 applicants for payment of their medical exams as of March 6, 2023. This number includes individuals who have been contacted for payment, whose medical payment has been completed, and whose medical payments are pending.
USCIS will begin to receive submitted medical exams, required for all beneficiaries.	Estimated September 9, 2019.	Actual timeframe of medical exam results will depend on available physicians. The results of medical exams are sent to IOM within two weeks and then the scanned report is sent to USCIS in batches.	In process.	USCIS has received 2,194 completed medical exams as of March 6, 2023.  This number includes individual initial medical exams as well as subsequent medical exams for those individuals who required more than one medical exam. Of this number, 1,911 are initial medical exams, 281 are second medical exams, and 2 are third medical exams.
USCIS and IOM will begin to schedule interviews with USCIS as needed, depending on any new information.	Estimated September 9, 2019.	Depending on any new information resulting from medical exams or security checks, a new interview may be scheduled for individual beneficiaries.	Currently there is a limited ability to conduct CAM parole reinterviews.	As of March 6, 2023, USCIS has 14 CAM parole case pending re-interview in San Salvador and none currently in Guatemala or Honduras. Most of the re-interviews will be scheduled in April 2023.

USCIS will begin to review eligibility for CAM parole on a case by case basis, assuming all information has been submitted.	Estimated September 10, 2019.	Case by case review can begin as soon as a beneficiary has submitted medical exams and an officer can review the relevant security checks. Actual date depends on IO office closures and restructuring.	In process.	USCIS is actively reviewing cases for eligibility on an ongoing basis.
USCIS will inform Customs and Border Protection that its officers will begin to see CAM parolees at ports of entry	Estimated September 10, 2019	Disseminate memo to CBP regarding CAM parolee travel and expected timeframe for travel	Completed on October 11, 2019.	Completed - Prior notes below:  USCIS sent the memo to CBP on October 11, 2019.  USCIS sent an updated memo to CBP on July 12, 2021 to inform CBP that the CAM program has reopened and that the initial parole periods for all CAM parolees going forward including under this settlement will be three years.
IOM will collect money for plane tickets.	Estimated beginning October 14, 2019.	Following case review, USCIS notifies IOM that they can begin to arrange travel. The actual timeframe depends on the individual's ability to pay. IOM NY took usually one month to collect payment from parents in the United States.	In process	IOM collected money for travel from 98 applicants as of December 23, 2019. IOM has not collected additional money for travel as a philanthropic foundation, the Shapiro Foundation, is funding parolee travel. Parolees who had already paid for travel were issued refunds.
For eligible cases, USCIS will complete final security checks and re-verify that the qualifying family member in the United States still has lawful presence before issuing the travel document.	Estimated beginning October 17, 2019.	When a travel date is confirmed, USCIS conducts final checks. This must be done within a 48-hour period before issuing the I-512L travel document.	In process.	USCIS has cleared 1,675 cases for travel as of March 6, 2023. Cleared for travel means cases in which USCIS has received and reviewed the medical examination and informed IOM that the beneficiary may travel, so IOM can begin the travel booking



				arrangements, (or in certain cases during the IOM contract lapse, the individual may book themselves).
For cases with final approval, USCIS will print a travel document that is valid through the valid period of the beneficiary's medical exam.	Estimated beginning October 17, 2019.		In process.	The first group traveled to the U.S. on October 15, 2019.
USCIS will provide IOM with USCIS issued travel documents, valid through the valid period of the beneficiaries' medical exams.	Estimated beginning October 18, 2019.		In process.	USCIS has provided 1,631 travel documents to IOM as of March 6, 2023.
IOM will provide the USCIS issued travel document to the travelling beneficiaries with final approval.	Estimated beginning October 23, 2019.	Actual timeline may depend on the beneficiary's schedule and readiness to depart. In certain cases, IOM will escort beneficiaries for their travel.	In process.	<p>IOM has provided travel documents to 1,631 applicants on their travel day as of March 6, 2023. IOM counsels, houses and escorts applicants to the airport on their designated date of travel.</p> <p>In addition, USCIS has provided 14 travel documents directly to the beneficiaries themselves as of March 31, 2023, during the IOM contract lapse.</p> <p>1,631 applicants have traveled to the United States as of March 31, 2023.</p>