Subpart I—Refugee Social Services

§ 400.140 Basis and scope.
This subpart sets forth requirements concerning formula allocation grants to States under section 412(c) of the Act for refugee social services.

§ 400.141 Definitions.
For purposes of this subpart—
Refugee social services means any service set forth in §§ 400.154 or 400.155 of this subpart.

APPLICATIONS, DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY, AND PROVISION OF SERVICES

§ 400.145 Opportunity to apply for services.
(a) A State must provide any individual wishing to do so an opportunity to apply for services and determine the eligibility of each applicant.
(b) Except as otherwise specified in this subpart, a State must determine eligibility for and provide refugee social services specified in §§ 400.154 and 400.155 in accordance with the same procedures which it follows in its social service program under title XX of the Social Security Act with respect to determining eligibility, acting on applications and requests for services, and providing notification of right to a hearing.
(c) A State must assure that women have the same opportunities as men to participate in all services funded under this part, including job placement services.

FUNDING AND SERVICE PRIORITIES

§ 400.146 Use of funds.
The State must use its social service grants primarily for employability services designed to enable refugees to obtain jobs within one year of becoming enrolled in services in order to achieve economic self-sufficiency as soon as possible. Social services may continue to be provided after a refugee has entered a job to help the refugee retain employment or move to a better job. Social service funds may not be used for long-term training programs such as vocational training that last for more than a year or educational programs that are not intended to lead to employment within a year.

§ 400.147 Priority in provision of services.
A State must plan its social service program and allocate its social service funds in such a manner that services are provided to refugees in the following order of priority, except in certain individual extreme circumstances:
(a) All newly arriving refugees during their first year in the U.S., who apply for services;
(b) Refugees who are receiving cash assistance;
(c) Unemployed refugees who are not receiving cash assistance; and
(d) Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence.

PURCHASE OF SERVICES

§ 400.148 Purchase of services.
A State may provide services directly or it may purchase services from public or private service providers.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUGEE SOCIAL SERVICES

§ 400.150 General eligibility requirements.
Eligibility for refugee social services is limited to those refugees who—
(a) Meet immigration status and identification requirements in Subpart D of this part;
(b) Meet the other eligibility requirements and conditions in this subpart.