



# Refugee Health Screening

## Guide to scheduling and completing your screening

### Refugee Health Screening (RHS) / Domestic Medical Screening (DMS)

As a recently arrived refugee, it's important to complete the **Refugee Health Screening (RHS)** or **Domestic Medical Screening (DMS)**, also known as the **Refugee Health Assessment (RHA)**. This is an essential step to connect you to health care services in your new U.S. residence.

The **Refugee Health Screening (RHS)** involves two appointments, during which you will receive a thorough physical exam and comprehensive screening for diseases. It also includes many necessary vaccines and tests that are required for your next immigration step – applying for an adjustment of status to become a lawful permanent resident (green card holder).

For school-aged children, the **Refugee Health Screening (RHS)** provides an important opportunity to receive mandatory immunizations needed for school enrollment. But remember, you do not have to wait for the **Refugee Health Screening (RHS)** – which can take weeks or months to schedule – to enroll your children in school.

During your Refugee Health Screening, the physician will review the following:

#### Medical History and Physical Exam

- **Past Medical History:** Any previous treatments, surgeries, or conditions you've had.
  - **Current Medications:** Any medications you are currently taking, as well as any alternative remedies you may use.
  - **Exposure Risks:** Any environmental or travel-related risks, or potential exposure to infectious diseases.
  - **Mental Health History:** Any trauma, abuse, PTSD, or stress-related conditions you may have experienced.
  - **General Health Assessments:** Your vision, hearing, dental health, and overall well-being.
- ◆ **Important:** Please bring your **Medical Examination for Immigrant or Refugee Applicant Form (DS-2054)** if you have it.

#### Health Screening Appointment

There are **two ways** to schedule your health screening appointment:

##### 1. Refugee Health Screening (RHS) at a Local Health Clinic:

- **Find a Local Refugee Health Provider** by visiting the [State-by-State Resources for Newcomers and Sponsors - Refugee Welcome Collective](#)
- If you cannot find the information online, you can **dial 211** for help locating a refugee health clinic.
- **Call the clinic** and ask for an appointment for a **Refugee Health Screening**.
- **Request an interpreter** if needed for your appointment.

- If your **Primary Care Provider (PCP)** does not perform the full screening, they will refer you to an approved Refugee Health Clinic for further testing and vaccinations.
- 📅 **Confirm the date, time, and location** of your screening appointment.

## 2. Screening Through a Primary Care Provider (PCP):

- In counties where there is no designated Refugee Health Screening clinic, you will need to visit a **Primary Care Provider (PCP)** for the screening

The following documents are needed during appointment:

### Required Documents

- I-94 or Visa
- Passport
- Vaccination Records
- Alien Number (A-Number) for all family members
- Current Residency Address

**State Refugee Health Contacts:** Find your state's refugee health program through the [CDC Refugee Health Directory](#).

### Additional Resources

#### ✦ **Medicaid Assistance:**

- If you **have Medicaid**, provide your **Medicaid ID** at the clinic.
- If Medicaid is **pending**, ask if the **Refugee Health Program (RHP)** can cover the screening.

#### ✦ **Transportation Assistance:**

- Ask if the clinic offers **transportation** or check if **Medicaid covers Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)**.
- Utilize **public transit, rideshare services, or family support** for transportation.