



Anti-Trafficking Services Program



Overview

The Anti--Trafficking Services Program, administered by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) through a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), provides comprehensive case management services to pre-certified and certified foreign national survivors of human trafficking through subcontracts with social service agencies throughout the U.S. and U.S. territories.

Criteria for subcontractors

- History of working with survivors of trafficking, or populations with similar needs or experiences (i.e. refugees, undocumented individuals, and survivors of domestic violence or other crimes)
- On--site capacity for comprehensive case management
- Qualified case management staff with professional oversight
- Capacity to provide a safe environment and handle emergency situations, including having an emergency number for use after business hours
- Relationships with relevant community partners (i.e., immigration attorneys, law enforcement, mental health professionals, medical service providers)
- Availability of other services provided by the agency
- Willingness to comply with the terms of the subcontract, including financial and reporting requirements
- Active DUNS and Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- A-133 audit report or independently audited financial statements

Client eligibility

To be enrolled in the Anti--Trafficking Services Program, a client must:

- meet the federal definition of a victim of a severe form of trafficking as defined in the TVPA, or
- have derivative status as defined by the TVPRA through receipt of the T-2, T-3, T-4 or T-5 visa;
- be removed from the trafficking situation;
- be present in the U.S.;
- not be a U.S. Citizen or a Lawful Permanent Resident; and
- require case management around the trafficking situation.

USCCB/MRS' role

- Provides per capita funding for administrative and client costs
- Conducts monthly core training sessions
- Facilitates specialty trainings
- Provides technical assistance and case consultation
- Offers legal and mental health technical assistance through expert partners
- Monitors client cases and subcontracting agencies to ensure quality services were rendered



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Comprehensive Case Management

Subcontractors of the USCCB Anti-Trafficking Services Program are required to have on-site capacity for comprehensive case management.

What is Comprehensive case management?

USCCB/MRS's comprehensive case management model is adapted from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) definition of and standards for case management. As defined by the NASW, “**case management**” is a method of providing services whereby a case manager assesses the needs of a client and “arranges, coordinates, monitors, evaluates, and advocates for a package of multiple services to meet the specific client’s complex needs (NASW).”

What does the USCCB Anti-Trafficking Services Program require of case managers?

The subcontractor will assign a lead case manager who will help the client navigate the complex systems of care and empower the client to make choices contributing to long-term self-sufficiency and safety. The case manager and client will identify needs, goals, and a plan for services. Throughout the service period, the case manager will assess the progress of achieving the goals set forth in the service plan. The case manager will ensure that the client is able to communicate in his or her language of choice, that services are provided within a culturally-relevant context, and that the client is informed of progress and/or needed participation in the criminal justice and immigration processes.

The following diagram illustrates the client and case manager relationship as they jointly work together in addressing the client’s needs. The diagram also illustrates the main categories of needs that should be assessed by the case manager.





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Monthly Per Capita Reimbursement Rates Chart

	Administrative Expenses (Fixed Rate)	Client Expenses (Reimbursed)	Total Per Month Per Client	Maximum Service Period
Pre-Certified /Pre-Eligible Client	\$700	Up to \$600	Up to \$1,300	9 months
Certified/Eligible Client	\$500	Up to \$400	Up to \$900	4 months

Frequently Asked Questions:

How does the payment mechanism differ for administrative and client expenses?

Administrative expenses are paid at a fixed rate per each 30-day service period. For example, an agency providing case management for 2 pre-certified survivors of trafficking may request reimbursement for \$1400 (\$700 x2) per 30 days the client is enrolled. Client expenses are reimbursed on a monthly basis based on actual spending up to the amounts noted in the chart.

What if my client has more direct expense needs in the first month of the service period?

A subcontractor may spend more in one month of the client budget than another, as long as client spending is managed within the limits of the overall budget. USCCB will reimburse subcontractors for one month in advance of the projected client expense budget.

What do the terms Pre-Certified versus Certified mean?

Pre-certified indicates that the foreign national adult victim of human trafficking has not been issued a Certification Letter by HHS/ORR. Certified victims of human trafficking are adults whom HHS/ORR has issued a certification letter, which allows the foreign national adult trafficking victim to be eligible for federal benefits and services to the same extent as a refugee.

How does a victim become certified?

To receive a certification letter from HHS/ORR, the victim of trafficking must have received continued presence status from U.S. Customs and Immigration Services, been granted a bona fide determination of a T visa, or received approval of a T visa.

What does the term eligible refer to in the above chart?

Foreign national child victims of trafficking under 18 years of age do not need to be certified in order to receive services and benefits. Eligible victims of trafficking are minors whom HHS/ORR has issued an eligibility letter which allows the foreign national child trafficking victim to be eligible for federal benefits and services to the same extent as a refugee child.