

# NWF Health Network Policy & Procedure

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CFOP 175-44

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## Policy

It is the policy of NWF Health Network (NWFHN), to assure that refugees and entrant unaccompanied minors are provided the same range of child welfare benefits and services available to other minor children upon referral and approval from the Department of Children and Families pursuant to CFOP and F.A.C

### Definition of Refugee and Entrant Unaccompanied Minor

An unaccompanied minor is defined as a person who has not yet attained 18 years of age or has attained 18 years and is not over 21 years of age but is still enrolled in post-secondary education, a community college or a university; who entered the U.S. unaccompanied by and not destined to join a parent or a close non-parental adult relative who is willing and able to care for the child or adult with a clear and court verified claim to custody of the minor and who has no parent in the U.S.

No child may be considered unaccompanied unless the child was identified by the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) as unaccompanied at the time of entry or was classified as “unaccompanied” by the State in accordance with Action Transmittal SSA-AT-79-04 and official interpretations thereof by the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement. Furthermore, once the child is legally adjudicated into state foster care, the department will apply to the Office of Refugee Resettlement for case approval.

**For more information, please see CFOP and F.A.C. found here:**

[CFOP 175-44 Services to Refugee and Entrant Unaccompanied Minors](#)

[65C-9 F.A.C. Undocumented Foreign National Children](#)