

The template below has been adapted from 100 Angels and provides a letter for the asylum-seeker to present to medical personnel in their destination city.

Referral Instructions:

“Accessing quality primary care and preventive services to support legal asylum-seeking families: Federally Qualified Health Centers are the U.S. safety net for those in need of primary care services. Creating a clear pathway for access will reduce the risk that health care will be neglected during the early resettlement process. Many asylum-seekers will arrive with problems that should be addressed on an urgent basis. This page outlines the steps to be taken to assist with the health care engagement process:

- 1) Identify the geographic location where the asylum-seekers will arrive after leaving Phoenix. For Example, Olathe, Kansas or Cleveland, Ohio. If you have a more specific location, such as a home address, that’s great-but a city or town will do.
- 2) On any internet connected device (computer, iPad, phone, etc.), go to: <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>. You will see a search box on the top left. Your current location may be in the box. Click on the box and erase the location that is there and type in the asylum-seeker’s destination. One or more health centers will pop up. If you see a plus (+) sign click it to reveal the phone number and street address
- 3) Copy the address and phone number into the letter attached here on the following page.
- 4) Place the letter in the manila folder given to the asylum-seeker and assure that there is awareness that a phone call or walk-in visit is a SAFE and necessary step. Answer any questions.
- 5) I can be reached via text or if urgent a call to assist at ### or via email at XXX.

Sample Letter:

To:

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Health Center

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This letter introduces \_\_\_\_\_, an asylum-seeker in need of primary care and preventive services. All Hands AZ has assisted with transportation to your catchment area. We understand and appreciate the efforts of Community Health Centers to provide the comprehensive services of a medical home to those most in need.

Sincerely,

NAME