Virtual R&P Pre-Arrival - User Guide

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1. Introduction

The new and advanced IRIS (Immigration and Refugee Information System) application is a comprehensive platform crafted to streamline case management processes and improve usability and efficiency for refugee programs. Within the context of case management, the Pre-Arrival status represents a pivotal stage where crucial preparations and arrangements are made before the arrival of a case. During this phase, essential information is collected, verified, and processed to ensure seamless coordination and assistance provision upon the individuals' arrival. RAs and affiliates will notice that several aspects of Pre-Arrival case management have received substantial enhancements, leading to the automatic creation, and streamlining of tasks that were previously manually performed.

As one of the top applications in the industry for managing all aspects of refugee operations, IRIS has recently undergone various changes to enhance usability, accessibility, and user satisfaction. It has adopted a modular design approach to simplify workflows, increase efficiency, and empower RAs and affiliates with more control over their interactions with the application.

2. Pre-Requisite

- Access to the IRIS application.
- Appropriate permissions to access the main dashboard page.

3. New Feature Enhancements

To enhance and automate the Pre-Arrival process, IRIS has introduced six updates aimed at refining the user experience for RAs, fostering greater efficiency and effectiveness,

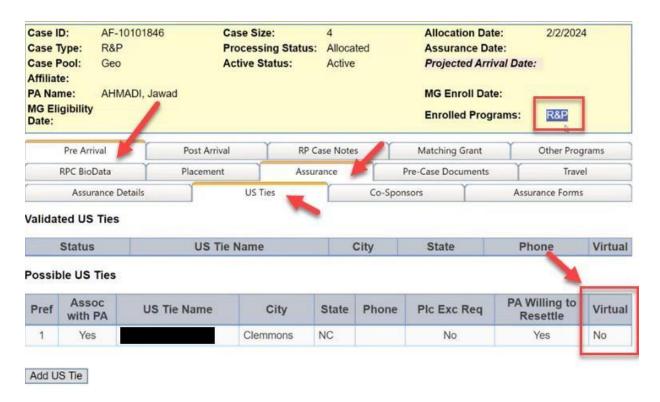
- 1) **Biodata Import:** Automatically associating cases with R&P or Virtual-R&P programs based on the biodata feed.
- 2) **Case Placement:** This functionality enables assignment of cases to Virtual R&P offices for affiliate staff to manage.
- 3) **USTie Verification:** This capability allows RA and Affiliate Users to verify USTie enrollment for Virtual R&P Program.
- 4) **Placement Update:** Updating Placement City and State to match USTie information under Assurance.
- 5) **Assurance Approval:** These features enable RAs to review and accept all submitted assurances by Affiliates under the Virtual R&P program, with convenient export options to RPC/START team.
- 6) **The Program Type Addition:** The addition of Virtual R&P (VRP) as a Program Type in IRIS ensures that all eligible cases are appropriately associated with this program type.

4. Biodata Import Process Update

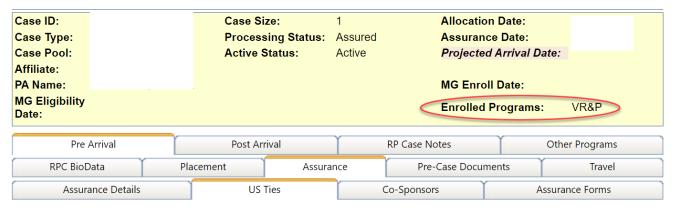
This feature revolutionizes the process of uploading refugee biodata into IRIS through File Cloud, providing a seamless integration that automates the association of cases with either the R&P or Virtual-R&P programs.

To accomplish this task, the partners have utilized a data element available in biodata file, called 'Virtual Resettlement Preference' flag. This flag will help in updating the value to 'Yes' or 'No' for a new column named 'Virtual,' added under Pre-Arrival > Assurance > US Ties.

In the example below, 'No' means the case was not eligible for VR&P and was automatically assigned to the R&P program category based on preset 'Virtual Resettlement Preference' flag.



Similarly, if you see a value of 'Yes,' then it means the case was Virtual R&P and was automatically assigned to the Virtual R&P program category. Case category will appear next to Enrolled Programs.



Validated US Ties

Status	US Tie Name	City	State	Phone Virtual
Identified		Sacramento	CA	Yes

Possible US Ties

Pref	Assoc with PA	US Tie Name	City	State	Phone	Plc Exc Req	PA Willing to Resettle	Virtual
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Add US Tie

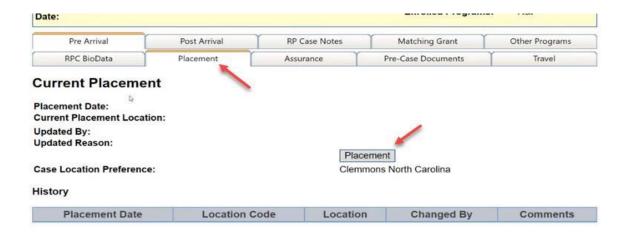
If one case is marked as "yes" and the second column is "no," the case will still be enrolled in the VR&P program.

However, if during VR&P enrollment, the virtual response is "yes," we can proceed with the assessment using the USTie method. However, if the USTie does not consent to provide VR&P services, such as housing and other facilities, we will need to transfer the case back to the RPC. In this situation, we must obtain updated biodata indicating either a "yes" or "no" from both USTies. If both responses are "no," the case will automatically transition to the RP program.

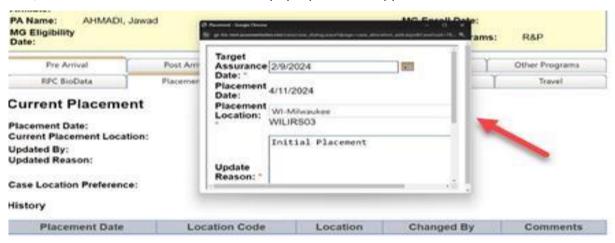
5. Case Placement by RAs

Pre-arrival process starts when a case is placed with the affiliate. This is a pre-existing process where RA assign a refugee case to their affiliate staff.

RAs can place a case with affiliate, by simply navigating to Main IRIS Dashboard > Case Management > Place Cases. This action will take the user to a new page related to "Case Placement." It lists all the cases that have not yet been placed. Select a case that needs placement. On the case information page, click on Placement tab under Pre-Arrival. The below screen will be displayed.



Next, click on **Placement** button. A small pop-up window appears.



We enter the required affiliate's information in this widow. Once case placement is done, it will display the details of current placement as shown in the below screenshot.

Pre Arrival	Post An	rival	RP Case Notes	Other Programs	
RPC BioData	Placement	Assurance	Pre-Case Documents	Travel	

Current Placement

Placement Date: 4/11/2024

urrent Placement Location: WILIRS03: Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan - Milwaukee-Milwaukee

pdated By: Shiva Tripathi
pdated Reason: Initial Placement

ase Location Preference: Clemmons North Carolina

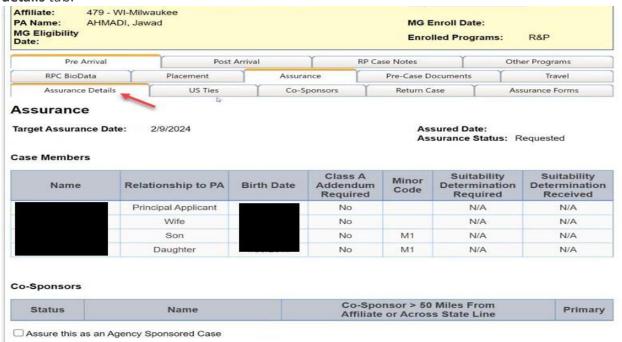
History

Placement Date	Location Code	Location	Changed By	Comments	
4/11/2024	WILIRS03	Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan - Milwaukee	Shiva Tripathi	Initial Placement	

After the case is placed, IRIS automatically sends an email notification to all staff associated with the affiliate, as well as to the affiliate itself. Additionally, the affiliate will see a dashboard notification in IRIS indicating that a new case is arriving, and the assurance is due.

5.1 Affiliate access to Assigned case:

Once a case is assigned to affiliate staff, the changed case details are available under the **Assurance details** tab.



As soon as the case is placed with an affiliate, the details of Placement City and State is displayed. Earlier our affiliate partners did not have the ability to manually change the placement city and state but now with the new enhancement they are provided the ability to do so.

6. Assurance Process

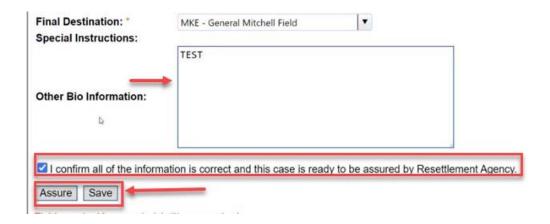
Updates have been made in Assurance process based upon different scenario, specifically for VR&P cases. For VR&P cases, it is mandatory to identify a USTie before assuring any cases.

6.1 Assure as Agency Sponsored:

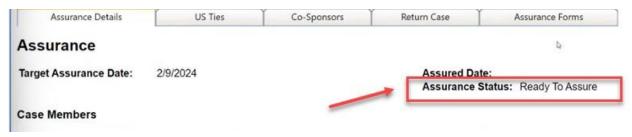
During the assurance process, affiliates can do so with their affiliate agency, which means the placement city and state will be same as where the affiliate office is located. If the assurance is Agency sponsored Case, affiliate need to click on the checkbox to have it indicated on the case (as shown in the screenshot).



Affiliate enters **Other Bio Information** in the box and click on the checkbox to confirm all the information is correct on the case. Clicking on **Assure** and **Save** buttons will update the status on the case.



Once the affiliate assures the case and saves the changes made. Assurance Status gets updated.



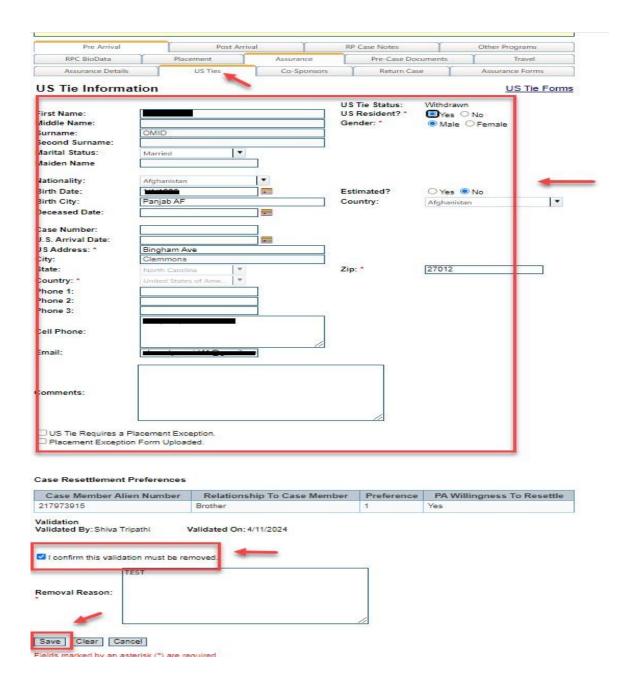
6.2 Assure with US Tie:

To assure a case with US Tie address, a US Tie must be confirmed (as in the screenshot).

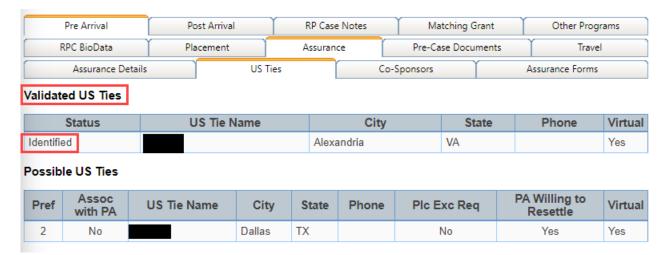


Affiliates are required to confirm a US Tie. That means the US Ties status must be noted down. It should be identified, updated, or confirmed.

On the affiliate portal, assigned affiliate verify and confirm the US Tie information by clicking on the checkbox and the Save button (as shown in screenshot).

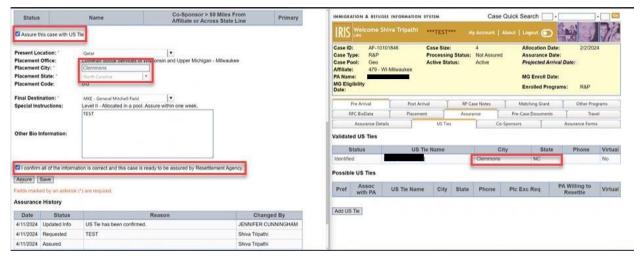


Once the US Tie is confirmed, it changes from **Possible US Tie** to **Validated US Tie** and the status changes to **Identified**.



Whenever there are any changes made in USTie information, the status changes to Updated or Confirmed based on the changes made on the US Tie information.

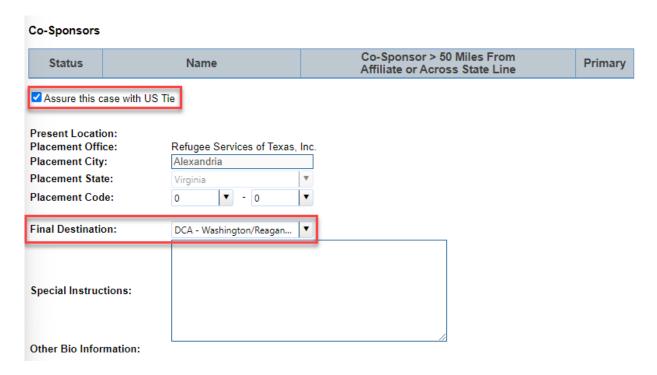
Once the US Tie is identified, under the **Assurance** tab, there will be a new checkbox that allows the affiliate to **Assure this case with US Tie.** As soon as the affiliate clicks on the checkbox, the Placement City and State gets updated with the USTie city and state. Clicks on the checkbox to confirm all the information is correct on the case. Clicking on **Assure** and **Save** buttons will update the status on the case.



Left side of screenshot is of Affiliate portal and right side of screenshot is of RA portal

6.3 Verify Final Destination:

If you have a default airport, it will automatically populate. However, for all VR&P cases, it is necessary to verify the arrival airport with the US Tie and update the airport information accordingly.



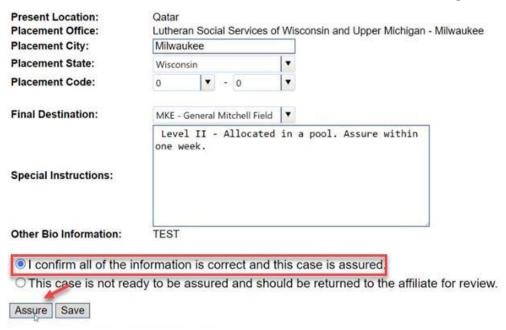
Once the affiliate assures the case and saves the changes made. Assurance Status gets updated.



Note: This is the first process where the case is assured by affiliate as Agency Sponsored Case but additionally affiliates can change the address on the case whenever they want to. As soon as the assurance process is complete, affiliates lose the ability to make any changes

7. Assurance Acceptance by RA:

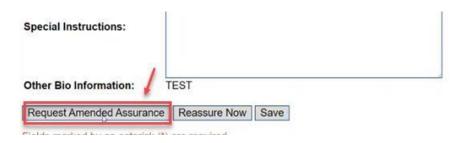
Once the case is assured by the affiliate, it is sent back to RA. RA review the case and confirm the information/changes are acceptable by selecting "I confirm all of the information is correct and this case is assured." Click on the Assure button to save the changes.



Once the assured case is accepted and confirmed by RA, it takes aways ability of affiliate to further make any changes or updates on the case on affiliate side unless asked by RA.

8. Assurance Correction or Amendment by RA

If any changes are required from affiliate, RA sends the case back to the affiliate for amendments. To do so RA clicks on the **Request Amendment Assurance** button.

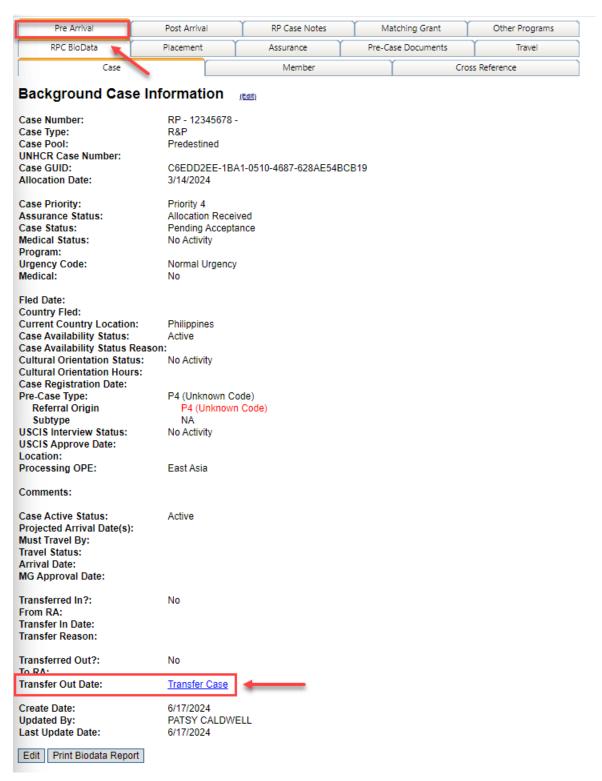


A new window appears where **RA** inputs **New Target Assurance Date** and **Amended Assurance Request Reason.** Click on **submit to** send the case back to affiliate.



9. Case Transfer Out Function:

If a case cannot be assured, that means if the USTie does not consent, it is required to transfer the case back to RPC. A new Transfer Form has been added in IRIS that affiliates can use to transfer the case back to RPC. Case Transfer form can be located under Pre-Arrival tab.



9.1 Transfer Form:

RESETTLEMENT AGENCY TRANSFER FORM (START)

START Case Number: Case Size: From RA:		RP-12345678 3 CWS			
From Affiliate:	Code City State	TXCWS 05 Amarilio TX]	
To RA: *	Code	Select RA	٧]	
To Affiliate: •	City State				
Transfer Out Date: *		6/21/2024	88		
is this a post arrival transfer: *		○ Yes ● No			
is this case booked for travel: *		○ Yes ● No			
Travel Date:	Pro	Flight#:		Sequence #:	
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comments below) 5. Affiliate Closure (provide of 6. Request by U.S. Tie to wo 7. Change in U.S. Tie to wo 8. U.S. Tie cannot be located 9. U.S. Tie does not want to 10. Placement near the U.S. RSC regarding the situation) an 11. Remote placement partin 12. Return to RPC for Welco 13. Transfer to CSH for Welco 14. Post Arrival SIV Walk-in 15. Stateside Cross-Referen 16. Stateside Cross-Referen 17. Client has identified a U. 19. PA willingness to resette 20. Client changed U.S. Tie 21. Case refused to travel to 22. U.S. Tie has reneged on	(Anchor in with a life with a life with a life work with a life work with a life work with a life work work and a life work work a life work work a life work with a life work	of closing location are nother Resettlement and U.S. Tie details in a RA does not have a and the RA does not hid risk harm to the cast does not have an affect to be identified. Return as Group out-migrate another location that includes the location and RAs agrant to secure housing thou the assistance departure or post-arrived	Agency (recomment Agency (recomment an affiliate have an a se and/or filiate in the ining case and and die ed and die ed to a diff they report but now in reed to po or other or the U.S.	(cc other Resettlement Agency) its) In the next preference UST location affiliate in the next preference UST location. If the U.S. tie (attach communication with both Pi he next preference UST location. It back to RPC to be reallocated as a placement ient wants to join them flerent RA not disclose overseas orted they did disclose overseas requesting to go to that location	RM and exception
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28. U.S. Tie is no longer able Comments: 1) Please include updated U.S. 2) IRIS will automatically add th	Tie cont	act information here.		on client's booking or arrival ent to the Comments box upon save.	
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Fields marked by an asterisk (*) are required.

Same Transfer Form can be used for both R&P as well as VR&P case transfer purpose. For VR&P process, RPC has requested that all RAs avoid sending frequent transfer emails, as they are becoming difficult to track. Instead, they request using the transfer function without sending an email to the RPC. RAs transfer the case to RPC without sending email by clicking on the button shown below:

Comments:

- Please include updated U.S. Tie contact information here.



Once we complete the transfer form, a report will automatically generate, which we can then be downloaded. This report is required when we make multiple transfers back to the RPC throughout the day. By the end of the day, the RPC requests that we send the ZIP file containing this report so they can process all transfers more efficiently, rather than examining each media file individually.

***Once all the assurances are completed, they get exported, and then we wait for the travel arrangements and the case's arrival. ***