

Proposal for Special Immigrant Visas—CBO's Estimate of the President's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget^a

(Outlays in millions of dollars, by fiscal year)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2018- 2022	2018- 2027
INCREASES IN DIRECT SPENDING												
Marketplace Subsidies^b												
Estimated Budget Authority	8	22	20	18	16	16	15	15	15	15	84	160
Estimated Outlays	8	22	20	18	16	16	15	15	15	15	84	160
Medicaid												
Estimated Budget Authority	8	22	20	17	16	15	15	15	15	15	83	158
Estimated Outlays	8	22	20	17	16	15	15	15	15	15	83	158
SNAP												
Estimated Budget Authority	8	19	17	15	13	13	13	13	12	12	72	135
Estimated Outlays	8	19	17	15	13	13	13	13	12	12	72	135
SSI												
Estimated Budget Authority	3	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	43	87
Estimated Outlays	3	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	43	87
Total Changes in Direct Spending												
Estimated Budget Authority	27	73	67	60	55	53	52	52	51	50	282	540
Estimated Outlays	27	73	67	60	55	53	52	52	51	50	282	540

Notes: SIV = Special Immigrant Visa; SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; SSI = Supplemental Security Income.

a. The proposal would increase by 4,000 the number of SIVs available to certain Afghans who were employed by or on behalf of the U.S. government or the International Security Assistance Force (or any successor name for such Force) at some point since 2001. (Additional SIVs, not subject to limitation, are available to certain relatives of those employees who themselves received SIVs.) Like refugees (but unlike most other categories of aliens), Afghan special immigrants are eligible for federal benefits if they meet the other eligibility standards for those programs. CBO uses a variety of administrative and survey data to estimate Afghan special immigrants' usage rates and per-capita costs for federal-benefit programs.

b. Subsidies for health insurance purchased through marketplaces established under the Affordable Care Act.