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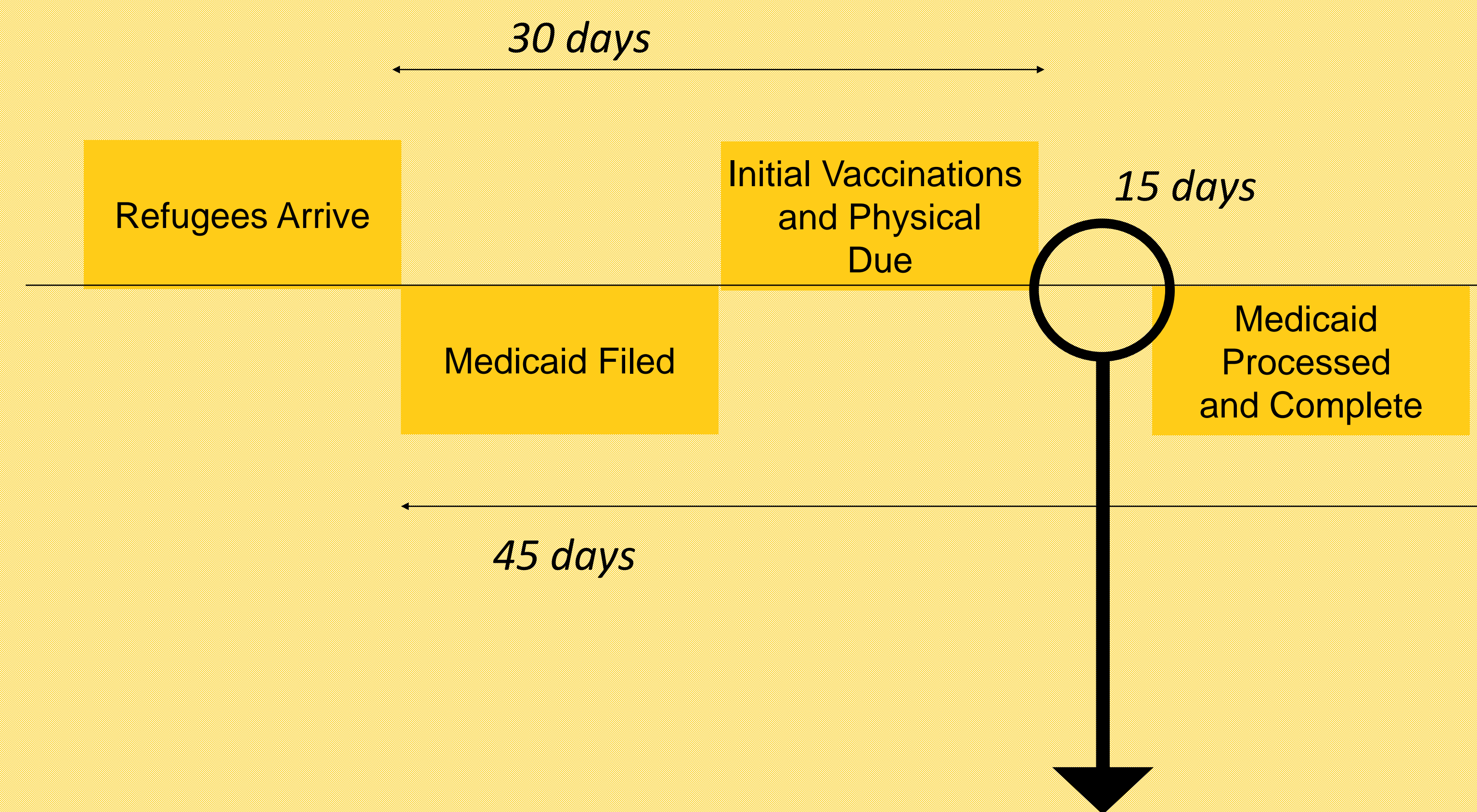
Interfaith Refugee Ministry



- **Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM)** is located in New Bern, North Carolina and is dedicated to helping refugees rebuild their lives in eastern North Carolina.
- **Goal:**
 - Help refugees become self-reliant, emotionally secure and culturally adjusted in their new home
- **Examples of Assistance:**
 - Housing, food, clothing, employment, learning English, and cultural orientation
 - Establish refugees with health care in their new communities
 - Help refugees apply for social security cards and Medicaid

REFERENCE: <https://helpingrefugees.org/about.php>

So What?



- Vaccinations and initial physical examination are due 30 days after arrival.
- It can take up to 45 days for Medicaid to be processed and completed.
- **A gap in care exists in that Medicaid is often not completed until 15 days after initial care is required.**
- Many providers are unable to see patients without insurance coverage, leaving them without care.
- It has been challenging for IRM to establish connections to bridge this gap in care in Greenville as they have in New Bern.

Now What?

- ✓ Meet with IRM to discuss needs, potential interventions.
- ✓ Discuss vaccinations with Pitt County Health Department.
- ✓ Notify ECU Family Medicine of incoming refugees and help provide primary care.
- ✓ Discuss incoming refugees with Pitt County Cares Clinic and arrange accommodating them for primary physicals upon arrival prior to Medicaid.
- Decide on a given intervention for primary physicals.
- Decide on a given intervention for providing vaccinations.
- Determine method of establishing care with ECU Family Medicine.
- Brainstorm further needs of the refugee community, not solely related to health care, and work on establishing programs to meet those needs.
- Regular meetings with IRM to discuss current and evolving needs, potential interventions, and effectiveness of established interventions.

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