

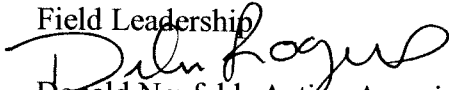


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Memorandum

HQ 70/35.6

TO: Field Leadership
FROM:  Donald Neufeld, Acting Associate Director
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SUBJECT: Extension of Validity of Medical Certifications on Form I-693

This memorandum temporarily extends the validity of civil surgeon endorsements on Form I-693 for adjustment of status applicants.

The endorsement of a civil surgeon on Form I-693, Medical Examination of Aliens Seeking Adjustment of Status, is generally valid for one year. Form I-693 is filed in support of adjustment of status applications. Some of these applications remain pending for more than the one-year validity period.

In a policy memorandum dated January 8, 2008, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) extended the validity of the civil surgeon endorsement on Form I-693 until the adjustment of status application could be adjudicated. This policy was issued in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is limited to those applications where no Class A or Class B medical condition was certified. The policy is in effect until January 1, 2009.

Due to the continuing backlog of some adjustment of status applications, the validity of the civil surgeon's endorsement on Form I-693, when submitted in support of an adjustment of status application, is extended until the time of adjudication if no Class A or Class B medical condition is certified by the civil surgeon. This policy will be in effect until January 1, 2010.

Questions regarding the above policy should be directed via DHS electronic mail to Rachel Ellis, HQ Office of Policy and Strategy.

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