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Policy Alert

SUBJECT: Extension of Temporary Waiver of “60-Day Rule” for Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record (Form I-693)

Purpose

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is extending the temporary waiver of the requirement that the civil surgeon’s signature on the Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record ([Form I-693](#)) be dated no more than 60 days before an applicant files the application for the underlying immigration benefit.

Background

In general, those applying for immigration benefits while in the United States must use [Form I-693](#) to show they are free from any conditions that would render them inadmissible under the health-related grounds.¹ Normally, USCIS considers a completed Form I-693 to retain its evidentiary value for 2 years after the date the civil surgeon signed, as long as the date of the civil surgeon’s signature is no more than 60 days before the applicant filed the application for the underlying immigration benefit. This is commonly referred to as the “60-day rule.”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related processing delays, USCIS has experienced delays in all aspects of operations. Applicants have also experienced difficulties beyond their control, including delays with completing the immigration medical examination. To address these issues, USCIS announced a temporary waiver of the requirement that the civil surgeon’s signature be dated no more than 60 days before the applicant files the application for the underlying immigration benefit, effective December 9, 2021 until September 30, 2022.²

USCIS is now extending this temporary waiver through March 31, 2023 to further ease processing delays and associated difficulties in timely completing the immigration medical examination. This waiver applies to all Forms I-693 submitted with applications for underlying immigration benefits that have not been adjudicated, regardless of when the application was submitted or when the Form I-693 was signed by the civil surgeon. The guidance contained in the Policy Manual is controlling and supersedes any related prior guidance.

¹ See [INA 232](#) and [8 CFR 232](#) (immigration medical examination). See [INA 212\(a\)\(1\)](#) (health-related grounds of inadmissibility).

² See [Temporary Waiver of “60-Day Rule” for Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record \(Form I-693\)](#), PA-2021-29, issued December 9, 2021.

Policy Highlights

- Extends temporary waiver of the “60-day rule” requiring that the civil surgeon’s signature on an otherwise valid Form I-693 be dated no more than 60 days before the applicant files the application for the underlying immigration benefit.

Summary of Changes

Affected Section: Volume 8 > Part B > Chapter 4 > Section C, Documentation Completed by Civil Surgeon

- Revises the alert box located at the beginning of Subsection 4 (Validity Period of Form I-693 (Including Use of Prior Versions)).

Citation

Volume 8: Admissibility, Part B, Health-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility, Chapter 4, Review of Medical Examination Documentation [[8 USCIS-PM B.4](#)].