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## Policy Alert

**SUBJECT:** Validity Period of the Medical Certification on the Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record (Form I-693)

### **Purpose**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing an update to policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual addressing the validity period of civil surgeon endorsements on the Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record, Form I-693.

### **Background**

Prior to 2002, Form I-693 was considered valid and sufficient for admissibility purposes as long as the form was reviewed within one year from the date of the civil surgeon's signature. In 2002, USCIS (then legacy INS), in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), extended the validity of the civil surgeon endorsement on Form I-693 beyond the one-year threshold in certain circumstances. The extension has been continuously renewed on an annual basis since 2002.

In response to concerns raised by CDC, USCIS is revising its policy relating to the validity of the medical examination report submitted by the applicant, to include discontinuing the annual extension policy. The revised policy becomes effective on June 1, 2014, and applies to any Form I-693 supporting a benefit application adjudicated on or after that date.

### **Policy Highlights**

- Limits the validity period of Form I-693 to one year from time of submission to USCIS.
- Provides guidance on filing the Form I-693, to include guidance on concurrent and subsequent filings prior to the adjudication of the benefit application.

### **Citation**

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