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MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS
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SUBJECT: Validity of Medical Certifications

Purpose

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

Background and Summary

For adjustment of status applicants, the endorsement of a civil surgeon on Form I-693, Medical Examination of Aliens Seeking Adjustment of Status, is valid for one year. Some adjustment of status applications that are properly filed with a Form I-693 are pending for more than the one-year validity period. In a policy memorandum dated October 17, 2002, the Service extended the validity of the civil surgeon endorsement on Form I-693 until the adjustment of status application could be adjudicated. This policy is limited to those applications where no Class A or Class B medical conditions were certified. The policy was in effect until January 1, 2003.

Extension Until January 1, 2004

Due to the continuing backlog of some adjustment of status applications, the validity of the civil surgeon's endorsement on Form I-693, when filed concurrently with Form I-485, is extended until the adjustment application is adjudicated, if no Class A or Class B medical condition is certified. This policy is in effect until January 1, 2004.