

Minnesota Civil Surgeons

REFUGEE HEALTH PROGRAM

Understanding the Role of the Civil Surgeon and Adjustment of Status for Refugees

Immigrants who have been in the U.S. for one year may complete medical evaluations to adjust their status and obtain a "Green Card" or Lawful Permanent Residence status. The medical evaluation requirements are different for refugees and immigrants, so it is important to first determine whether the individual is designated as a refugee or an immigrant. In most cases your patient will know their designation. If they do not know, ask to see their I-94 card. As a general rule, a refugee will have the word "refugee" printed on their I-94 card.

Civil surgeons, physicians officially designated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or USCIS, need to complete the immigration medical exam. For applicants with refugee status only, the medical director of local public health in participating counties is also authorized to complete the form.

For all applicants, the USCIS Form I-693 must be completed, signed, and submitted in a sealed envelope.

USCIS: I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record (www.uscis.gov/i-693)

Validity of the I-693 Form

The applicant must submit the I-693 with the I-485. The form, then, remains valid indefinitely, while the USCIS adjudicates the application. Forms that are completed incorrectly are invalid and the application will be rejected.

Civil surgeons are encouraged to write the signature date on the outside of the envelope of sealed copy of I-693, to facilitate the client or lawyer in correct processing. Consider providing client with an extra (unsealed) copy for their records.

<u>USCIS: Validity of Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record (Form I-693)</u>
 (www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/policy-manual-updates/20240404-I-693Validity.pdf)

For Refugees

- For refugees who arrived in the U.S. with a Class A condition (note: this is unusual), the entire immigration medical exam is required, including any necessary vaccinations. In this case, a civil surgeon must complete the exam.
- For refugees who arrived in the U.S. without a Class A condition, only immunizations need to be reviewed
 and updated. In this case, a civil surgeon or the medical director of local public health in participating
 counties may complete the exam.
- Refugees who only need to submit the vaccination record should submit the entire Form I-693, but only need to complete the following sections:
 - Part 1: Information About You
 - Part 2: Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature
 - Part 3: Interpreter Contact Information, Certification, and Signature
 - Part 4: Applicant's Identification Information
 - Part 6: Civil Surgeon's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature
 - Part 9: Vaccination Record

 CDC: Medical History and Physical Examination | Technical Instructions for Panel Physicians (www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/panel-physicians/medical-history-physical-examination.html)

Asylees and Parolees

- A complete medical examination including immunizations is required.
- The exam must be completed by a civil surgeon (a physician officially designated by USCIS).

For Afghan Humanitarian Parolees

Afghan evacuees who entered the U.S. under humanitarian parole during Operation Allies Welcome (www.dhs.gov/allieswelcome) have temporary parole status that allows them to legally live and work in the U.S. for two years. To stay longer than two years, they need to file for an adjustment of immigration status through one of these pathways:

- Special Immigrant Visa (SIV): Afghan evacuees may qualify for an SIV if they were employed by the U.S. government, U.S. contractor, or International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan for over a year. Learn more at <u>U.S. Department of State: Special Immigrant Visas for Afghans Who Were Employed by/on Behalf of the U.S. Government (https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immg-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html#step1). OR,</u>
- Asylum: Afghan evacuees, ineligible for SIV status, may qualify for asylum. This application needs to be
 filed within one year of arrival, and they may apply for permanent residency after one year from the time
 asylum was granted. Learn more at <u>USCIS: Information for Afghan Nationals</u>
 (www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/information-for-afghan-nationals).

Evacuees who arrived during Operation Allies Welcome may have received a full medical exam by blanket-designated civil surgeons on government-run facilities in the U.S. or abroad. If the medical results were documented on the I-693 immigration medical examination form, or DS-7794 or DS-2054 abroad, this exam will qualify for their adjustment of status application. However, Afghan nationals with an SIV or asylum status should consult with USCIS and/or legal counsel to determine when and if the I-693 medical examination is required for the adjustment of status to become legal permanent residents.

USCIS: Immigration Medical Examinations for Certain Afghan Nationals Who Arrived in the United States
 During Operation Allies Welcome (www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/policy-manual-updates/20241113-I-693Validity.pdf)

For Other Immigrants

- A complete medical examination including immunizations is required.
- The exam must be completed by a civil surgeon (a physician officially designated by USCIS).

Considerations from Technical Instructions

Tuberculosis Screening

Tuberculosis screening applies to all non-refugee immigrants or refugees who arrived with a Class A waiver. **All applicants 2 years or older MUST have an IGRA TB test (not a TST)**. Positive IGRAs, applicants with known HIV infection, and those with signs or symptoms of TB disease must also have a chest x-ray. Lead shielding is no longer recommended or required for the status adjustment medical examination for any applicants, including those who are pregnant.

Per March 2023 Technical Instructions, civil surgeons **should report all Class B0, B1 pulmonary or extrapulmonary, and Class B2 latent TB Infection diagnoses** to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's **eMedical** system. All records must be entered into eMedical within five business days after I-693 forms have been completed. While a release of information is not needed, patients should be informed of this referral. The Minnesota Department of Health and local public health departments will be notified of applicants eligible for latent TB infection; public health departments may contact the individuals to offer treatment.

CDC: The eMedical System Documentation | Tuberculosis Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons
 (www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/civil-surgeons/tuberculosis.html#cdc_generic_section_12-the-emedical-system-documentation)

MDH: Tuberculosis (TB) (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/index.html)

- Tuberculosis (TB) Basics (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/basics/index.html)
- <u>Treatment for Latent TB Infection (LTBI)</u>
 (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/basics/factsheets/ltbi.html)
- What does having latent tuberculosis (LTBI) mean for me? (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/basics/ltbirih.pdf)
 Information on TB transmission and treatment for people immigrating to the United States. Other languages available in brochures dropdown on TB Basics linked above.

Vaccinations

All applicants must meet vaccination requirements for the list of diseases designated by the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control for adjustment of status purposes. This is a subset of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines, and ACIP guidance should be followed regarding age, dosage, timing, and contraindications. As completion of a vaccine series often requires several months, the series may not be complete at the time of I-693 completion. Applicants are required to receive at least one dose of each age-appropriate vaccine listed in Table 1 for which the applicant is not currently up to date. Applicants should be encouraged to follow up with a primary health care provider to complete the other vaccine series.

• <u>CDC: Vaccination Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons (www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/civil-surgeons/vaccination.html)</u>

To avoid high out-of-pocket expenses, applicants with insurance may go to their own primary clinic to complete or update immunizations prior to contacting a civil surgeon. For uninsured applicants, immunizations may be available at a lower cost at the local public health agency in the county in which they reside. NOTE: Prices may vary among clinics.

- Free or Low-Cost Shots for Children (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/howpay.html)
 For more information on how to determine if your child can get free or low-cost immunizations.
- Vaccination Clinics Serving Uninsured or Underinsured Adults
 (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/uuavsearch.html)
 Search for clinics with free vaccine for qualifying uninsured and underinsured adults. For adults (19 years and older), immunizations may be available at low-cost at the local public health agency in the county in which they reside or in other participating clinics.

For More Information

- Download the complete Form <u>I-693</u>, <u>Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record</u> (<u>www.uscis.gov/i-693</u>) from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- <u>Find a Civil Surgeon (my.uscis.gov/findadoctor)</u> who is authorized by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

- CDC offers guidance on:
 - Medical History and Physical Examination (www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/panel-physicians/medical-history-physical-examination.html)
 - <u>Vaccination Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons (www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/civil-surgeons/vaccination.html)</u>
 - <u>Tuberculosis Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons (www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/civil-surgeons/tuberculosis.html)</u>
- Additional guidance is available from the MDH Refugee Health Program at 651-201-5414.

Minnesota Civil Surgeons List

Administrative fees for completing the I-693 form are not covered by insurance and vary between civil surgeons. Please check with the clinic for details.

Anoka County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Complete Home Health Services	Dr. Nomo-Ongolo	4001 Stinson Blvd NE Silver Lake Plaza Building, Suite 332 St. Anthony , MN 55421 612-788-2273	 Full I-693 medical exam Call to schedule exam and assessment of immunization needs.
Minnesota Occupational Health	Dr. Kipp	600 Coon Rapids NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433 651-968-5300	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.

Blue Earth County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Mayo Clinic Health System	Dr. Korsapati	1025 Marsh St Mankato, MN 56001 507-594-4700 101 Martin Luther King Jr Dr Mankato, MN 56001 507-594-6500	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.

Dakota County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Austin Orthopedics and Sports Medicine	Dr. Kazi	14501 Burnhaven Dr Suite 100 Burnsville, MN 55337	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including
iviedicine		952-898-1774	vaccination if needed.

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Concentra Medical Center	Dr. Kemper	2520 Pilot Knob Rd Suite 250 Mendota Heights, MN 55120 651-224-8264	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.
MD Physicals, Inc.	Dr. Gonzales Dr. Gustafson	14135 Cedar Ave #300 Apple Valley , MN 55124 952-431-9655	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. I-693 visits are ONLY available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
Minnesota Occupational Health	Dr. Lockheart Dr. Wall	1400 Corporate Center Curve Suite 200 Eagan, MN 55121 651-968-5300	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
My Medical Clinic	Dr. Anand Dr. Anand	4130 Blackhawk Rd #112 Eagan, MN 55122 651-340-1445	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Hennepin County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
AA Physicians	Dr. Axelrod	6545 France Ave S Suite 125 Edina, MN 55435 952-846-7446	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
AM Physicians	Dr. Bacaner Dr. Mirman	4201 Excelsior Blvd St. Louis Park , MN 55416 952-564-3882	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. Same day appointments; call before coming.
American Immigrations of Twin Cities Medical Center	Dr. Oldenburg	4601 Excelsior Blvd Suite 407 St. Louis Park , MN 55416 952-926-0025	 Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. For vaccination assessment, paperwork completed same day; all other paperwork returned within 1 week. Appointments generally available within 1-2 days.

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Axis Family Clinic	Dr. Hassan	3638 Central Ave NE Minneapolis, MN 55403 612-345-5535	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Axis Medical Center	Dr. Semakula	1801 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis, MN 55403 612-823-2947	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Community- University Health Care Center (CUHCC)	Dr. Aylward Dr. Borowsky Dr. Brown	2001 Bloomington Ave Minneapolis, MN 55404 612-301-3433	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. Walk-ins accepted before 4 p.m. Clinic accepts insurance.
Crown Medical Center	Dr. Nguyen Dr. Onyekaba	1925 First Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55403 612-871-4354 7001 78th Ave N Suite 500 Brooklyn Park, MN 55445 763-566-4535	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. Walk-ins accepted before 4 p.m.
Hennepin County Medical Center Pediatrics	Dr. Maroushek	730 South 8th St HCMC Red Building Minneapolis , MN 55415 612-873-6963	 Full I-693 medical exam Pediatric patients younger than 19 years old only.
Midpoint Medical Clinic	Dr. Kerandi	7240 Brooklyn Blvd Suite 200 Brooklyn Park, MN 55429 763-208-0677	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Minneapolis Health Clinic	Dr. Totoe	4825 Olson Memorial Highway Golden Valley , MN 55422 763-496-5708	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
MN UC Providers	Dr. Allegra	415 17th Ave N Suite 100 Hopkins , MN 55343 952-931-1276	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
My Medical Clinic	Dr. Anand Dr. Anand	12805 Hwy 55 Suite 125 Plymouth , MN 55441 651-340-1445	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Noble Parkway Medical Clinic	Dr. Fawole	4808 85th Ave N Suite 300 Brooklyn Park , MN 55443 763-496-1562	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Odam Medical Group	Dr. Larbi-Odam	6014 Lakeland Ave N Crystal, MN 55428 612-871-2313	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Summit Clinic	Dr. Hussain	12805 Highway 55 Suite 208 Plymouth, MN 55441 763-323-6564	 Full I-693 medical exam For vaccination assessment, paperwork completed same day; all other paperwork returned within 2-3 days.

Koochiching County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Essentia Health	Dr. Vergeldt	2501 Keenan Dr International Falls, MN 56649	 I-693 medical exams available on Tuesdays.
		218-283-9431	

Lyon County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Avera Medical Group	Dr. Mok	1521 Carlson St Marshall, MN 56258	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693
		507-532-1114	refugees, including vaccination if needed.

Mille Lacs County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
MHealth Fairview- Princeton	Dr. Mai	919 Northlands Dr Princeton , MN 55371 763-389-3344	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.

Nobles County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Sanford Worthington	Dr. Dike	1680 Diagonal Rd Worthington , MN 56187 507-372-3800	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.

Olmsted County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Mayo Clinic	Dr. Cowl Dr. Haddon Dr. Newcomb Dr. Swift Dr. Thompson Dr. Varkey	200 First St SW Rochester, MN 55904 507-538-3270	Full I-693 medical exam
Medical Evaluation Office	Dr. Jiang	3257 19th St Suite 3 Rochester , MN 55901 507-772-8606	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 for refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Ramsey County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Evergreen Primary Care	Dr. Vang	570 N Asbury St Suite 208 St. Paul , MN 55104 651-349-4466 651-349-4880	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including some vaccinations on-site. 9 a.m5 p.m. (Mon, Fri) Other hours available by appointment only. Can provide short turnaround time if needed.
EZY Urgent Care Clinic	Dr. Nola	1001 Johnson Parkway Suite A1 St. Paul , MN 55106 651-646-0028	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees. 4-7 p.m. (Mon, Wed, Fri)
HealthPartners Center for International Health	Dr. Nunez Pena	451 North Dunlap St St. Paul , MN 55104 952-967-7201	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. Must call for appointment.

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
HealthPartners Urgent Care – St. Paul Como	Dr. Stanton	2500 Como Ave St. Paul , MN 55108 952-853-8800	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.
ImmiGreat LLC	Dr. Gebre	2680 Snelling Ave N Suite 265 Roseville, MN 55113 651-219-3368	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.
MHealth Fairview Clinic – Bethesda	Dr. Weinmann	580 Rice St St. Paul , MN 55103 651-227-6551	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. I-693 visits are ONLY available to the clinic's current or former primary care patients.
MHealth Fairview Clinic – Roselawn	Dr. Letts	1983 Sloan Place Suite 1 St. Paul , MN, 55117 651-326-5700	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 for refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Minnesota Occupational Health	Dr. Swann	1661 St. Anthony Ave 2nd Floor St. Paul , MN 55104 651-968-5300	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
My Medical Clinic	Dr. Anand Dr. Anand	1560 Beam Ave Suite F Maplewood , MN 55109 651-340-1445	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Revive MD Clinic	Dr. Morales	821 Raymond Ave Suite 230 St. Paul , MN 55114 651-644-6002	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
St. Paul Clinic	Dr. Yang	301 West University Ave St. Paul , MN 55103 651-447-7113	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
St. Paul Family Medical Center	Dr. Xiong	1239 Payne Ave St. Paul , MN 55130 651-209-8350	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
University of Saint Thomas Center for Well-Being	Dr. Votel-Kvaal	2115 Summit Ave Center for Well-Being St. Paul , MN 55105 651-962-6750	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. I-693 visits are only available to current University of Saint Thomas students.
West Side Community Health Services	Dr. Benfield	153 Cesar Chavez St St. Paul , MN 55107 651-222-1816	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. I-693 visits are only available to clinic patients who have had at least 3 appointments at this location within the past 2 to 5 years.

Scott County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Arise Medical and Wellness	Dr. Wilmot-Desouza	7447 Egan Dr Suite 207 Savage , MN 55378	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
		952-522-6344	

Stearns County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Odam Medical Group	Dr. Larbi-Odam	3405 3rd St N St. Cloud , MN 56303 320-774-3800	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Washington County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Woodbury Direct Primary Care	Dr. Augustson	8360 City Centre Dr Woodbury , MN 55125 651-315-7419	 Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Minnesota Department of Health Refugee and International Health Program PO Box 64975 St. Paul, MN 55164-0975 651-201-5414 or 1-877-676-5414 www.health.state.mn.us/refugee

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