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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.