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## 9 FAM 41.54 NOTES

### Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to **9 FAM 41.54 Notes**.

The update to section N14.6, Issuing L Visa Under Blanket Petition Procedure, states that the annotation should also state the name of the company or subsidiary that the applicant will be primarily working for, even though that subsidiary, that is on the Form I-129-S, Nonimmigrant Petition Based on Blanket L Petition, may or may not be in Petition Information Management Service (PIMS).

The update to section N18, Limitations on Total Periods of Stay, states the total maximum period of stay will be calculated by determining the actual total number of days the alien is lawfully admitted and physically present in the United States in L category status. Time spent as an L-2 dependent does not count against the maximum allowable period of stay available to a principal L-1 alien.

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