



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

DATE [XXX, 2009]

Addressee's Name  
Business Address  
Street Address  
City, State Zip

**RE: Information regarding the removal of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection from the list of communicable diseases of public health significance: Effective January 4, 2010, testing for HIV infection is no longer required**

**RE: Information regarding the changes to the vaccination requirements: Effective December 14, 2009, vaccination against herpes zoster (zoster) or Human Papillomavirus (HPV) are no longer required**

Dear Dr. {LAST NAME}:

We are contacting you to inform you about two changes made by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that will significantly affect how you complete Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record:

1. Starting December 14, 2009, immunization against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and herpes zoster (zoster) will no longer be required. 74 Federal Register 58634 (November 13, 2009, effective December 14, 2009).
2. Starting January 4, 2010, an individual should no longer be tested for HIV infection for purposes of the immigration medical examination. 74 Federal Register 56547 (November 2, 2009, effective January 4, 2010, amending 42 CFR part 34.2(b) and removing HIV from the definition of communicable disease of public health significance).

By law, civil surgeons designated by USCIS are required to complete the medical examination of aliens according to the *Technical Instructions for the Medical Examination of Aliens in the United States (Technical Instructions)*, and any updates published by the CDC on its website. CDC is updating its *Technical Instructions* to incorporate both changes. The updates can be obtained from CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or by clicking on the following link:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dq/civil.htm>.

USCIS is actively working on seeking the permission by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to revise the Form I-693 so that these changes can be reflected. Until the changes can be implemented, beginning on December 14, 2009, please ignore any reference to the requirement for zoster and the HPV vaccine on Form I-693, or any other USCIS form or guidance material. Beginning on or after January 4, 2010, please ignore any reference to requiring HIV testing on Form I-693, or any other USCIS form or guidance material. Please see below on how to complete Form I-693 after these changes take effect.

**Completion of Form I-693 based on these changes and until the form can be updated**

Please complete Form I-693, Edition October 14, 2009, in the following manner based on these changes, until Form I-693 can be updated with OMB accordingly:

1. For Form I-693 completed on or after December 14, 2009: When completing the vaccination chart, Part 2.5 of Form I-693, please either:

- write "No longer required" in the entries for "Human Papillomavirus" and "Zoster;" or
- leave these entries blank.

Civil Surgeons are reminded that vaccinations for herpes zoster and HPV vaccine continue to be required for immigration purposes through December 13, 2009. Any Form I-693 completed on or before December 13, 2009, should still indicate whether the individual has received these vaccines.

2. For Forms I-693 completed on or after January 4, 2010: Civil surgeons are reminded that beginning January 4, 2010, individuals in need of a medical examination should no longer be tested for HIV infection. Please disregard any reference in Form I-693 and its instructions to HIV on or after January 4, 2010. Please do the following when completing Forms I-693 on or after January 4, 2010: Either

- write "No longer required" in the entry for the HIV testing section in Form I-693, Part 2.2.C; or
- leave the HIV testing section in Form I-693, Part 2.2.C blank.

Civil Surgeons are reminded that through January 3, 2010, an applicant in need of a medical examination still has to be tested for HIV infection, with the results noted on a Form I-693 that is completed on or before January 3, 2010.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the **Civil Surgeon Coordinator {NAME}** at **[Contact Information]**. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the medical requirements, you may also contact CDC at [CDCqap@cdc.gov](mailto:CDCqap@cdc.gov).

Addressee's Name

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We appreciate the efforts that you and your staff put forth to stay current with all updates and changes to the medical requirements and forms. You are providing a valuable service to our immigrant community and we look forward to your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

[Name of Civil Surgeon Coordinator, FOD or DD, as is local office preference]