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CDC's Division of **Global Migration** and **Quarantine**

Background

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We are excited to announce a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible care to our status adjuster applicants. We are thrilled to introduce you to the eMedical system and guide you through what to expect during the onboarding process. **The purpose of this communication is to inform civil surgeons on upcoming procedures regarding documenting and submitting all tuberculosis classifications through the eMedical system.**

The eMedical System

eMedical is a web-based system that is used to process health examinations for specific population groups. For the status adjuster immigration medical examination, eMedical will collect demographic data and medical information specifically related to Tuberculosis classifications to be shared with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and state health departments.

In today's rapidly evolving healthcare landscape, the efficient management of patient data is paramount. Civil Surgeons utilizing the eMedical System represents a step forward in the way we handle patient records, Tuberculosis diagnoses, and reporting, further enabling us to maintain public health security by preventing the introduction, transmission, and spread of infectious diseases into the United States in a globally mobile world.

Changes to Civil Surgeon Process

Civil surgeons still must perform the immigration medical examination according to Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons (Technical Instructions or TIs), published by CDC in Atlanta, Georgia. These Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons include instructions on the various required component of the medical examination and answers to common questions about the exam process.

- eMedical data entry does not replace or change tuberculosis exam instructions for civil surgeons.
- Civil surgeons are still required to follow specific identification procedures, prescribed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- Civil surgeons are still required to report all tuberculosis classifications promptly to the health department of jurisdiction.

Applicant eligibility is still determined by the DHS officer after reviewing all records, including the report of the immigration medical examination.

Changes to CDC Technical Instructions

With implementation of eMedical, the Technical Instructions for Tuberculosis will be updated to instruct civil surgeons to enter records from applicants with a tuberculosis classification into the eMedical system.

eMedical Overview and Onboarding

To ensure a smooth transition, we have scheduled comprehensive training sessions. You will receive an invitation to attend an introductory training session where our dedicated team will provide an overview of the eMedical System's capabilities, benefits, and navigation. CDC in partnership with USCIS will host training webinars

for Civil Surgeons. See webinar information below and click on the link to register for your preferred date and time:

- [September 26, 2023 - 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST](#)
- [September 28, 2023 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST](#)
- [October 3, 2023 - 1:00 PM EST - 2:00 PM EST](#)
- [October 5, 2023 - 6:00 PM EST - 7:00 PM EST](#)

There is no deadline for registration. It is advisable that two personnel, civil surgeon and office manager, attend at least one session. Each session will present the same information and will be recorded.

CDC will host additional training webinars that will happen every (2) weeks. The schedule will be communicated via email.

eMedical Onboarding
System Onboarding: CDC will use registration information from the training webinars to onboard Civil Surgeons onto the eMedical system before October 30, 2023. CDC will require: Civil Surgeon ID, Name, Date of Birth (DOB) & a unique email address for eMedical registration. Civil Surgeons will receive an email with username and password instructions from eMedical. Civil Surgeons will be onboarded with 'Doctor' & 'Clinic Admin' designation. This designation allows users to record applicant information and immigration medical examinations related to Tuberculosis classifications. Civil Surgeons can also add additional staff for data entry needs who are able to assist with submitting Tuberculosis classification results.

Feedback and Improvement: Civil Surgeon input is invaluable to us. Throughout the onboarding period and beyond, we encourage you to share your feedback and suggestions for improvements. CDC will launch a feedback survey following each webinar through the International Panel Physician Association (IPPA) - a not-for-profit association that will work closely with CDC to promote and advance the health of globally mobile populations through professional affiliation, training, and education. Please be on the lookout for the survey; it may appear in your spam folder.

Technical Support & Additional Support: CDC has created several desktop aids and one-pagers that will be distributed and available through eMedical's support tab. Civil Surgeons can also submit a ticket through eMedical for any system issues. Civil Surgeons may also email qapcivilsurgeons@cdc.gov for any additional CDC support.

Looking to the Future

CDC and USCIS appreciate the time, resources and effort that goes into each immigration medical examination you perform as a civil surgeon. Please know that we are working diligently behind the scenes to further transform the immigration medical examination submission process. Our goal is to streamline this process to the benefit of the civil surgeon, the applicant, CDC, and USCIS.

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