



Understanding United States eMedical Arrangements

U.S. Visa Health Case

Health cases for United States are created by Department of State (DOS).

What is the health requirement?

Health cases are created by DOS based on Applicant Category. The health examinations that appear in eMedical will depend on the category as outlined in the table below.

Applicant Category	Age	Exam
<i>Adoptee and Immigrant Visa</i>	If the applicant is <15 years of age	501 (Medical) 106 (Mental Health Report) 951 (Vaccinations)
	If the applicant is >=15 years of age	501 (Medical) 502 (Chest X-ray) 712 (Syphilis) 713 (Gonorrhea) 106 (Mental Health Report)
	If the applicant is 2-14 years of age and in a country with a TB incidence rate of ≥20 per 100,000	501 (Medical) 106 (Mental Health Report) 951 (Vaccinations) 719 (TB Screening)

United States Specific Details



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Additional examinations

You will see that some additional types of health examinations will also be available/appear for United States cases in eMedical.

Exams Number	Exam Description
712	Syphilis
713	Gonorrhea
714	Hansen's Disease
106	Mental Health Report

Pre-Examination

Searching for a case

When searching by ID, the ID type and ID number are mandatory. ID types are as follows:

- Beneficiary Id or Case number or Alien number or CEAC Barcode

Note: You can also search for a health case using the Document number, family name fields and country.

Applicant Identity

United States accepts a number of applicant identification documents in order for you to confirm their identity:

- Original passport
- National ID card and certified passport copy
- National ID card
- Driver's license
- National ID card with photo
- Refugee travel document
- Red Cross travel document

Consent and Declaration

For United States the applicant declaration must be:

- Opened in PDF from the **View applicant declaration hyperlink** in the health case details screen
- Printed and reviewed with the applicant
- **Signed** by the applicant
- **Scanned and attached** to the health case in the **health case details screen**

For applicants under the age of 18 there is a different declaration, where consent must be given by the parent / guardian of the applicant.

In these cases, the applicant declaration section will contain two extra fields to include the details of the parent / guardian.

Note: Only once the consent and declaration is attached to the health case will you be able to check the applicant declaration box and complete the Pre Exam section of the health case.

501 Examination

Past or Present Medical History

The medical history questions for U.S. health cases are as required by the U.S. Department of State and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Basic Questions

- Pulse
- Temperature
- Respiratory
- Visual acuity testing



Detailed Questions

Panel physicians must also record the answer to an additional question in the detailed questions section of the medical examination:

- General appearance
- Nutritional status (including acute wasting and or chronic stunting malnutrition)
- Extremities (including pulses, edema)
- Hematologic
- Lymph nodes

502 Radiology

Pregnant visa applicants

Under United States immigration health policy arrangements, all chest x-ray requirements for pregnant women go 'On hold' if applicant does not want to proceed with the x-ray and must be completed before the health case can be finalized.

Findings

In this section, user records findings for the x-ray examination. These findings will also drive the classification given the x-ray examination.

Recording of additional information for exams

603 - Investigation on current state of tuberculosis

- Sputum and Cultures and
- Drug Susceptibility test

607- Continued anti-tuberculosis treatment

- Detailed information about TB treatment and post treatment assessment

951 Vaccination

Record information for vaccine history, vaccines provided by clinic and Test for Immunity Positive.

Automatically add additional exams

Different rules have been built into the eMedical system for United States cases where additional examinations will be automatically generated by the system.

For more details, please see the separate information sheet on this topic.

Classification

U.S. health cases are 'classified' rather than 'graded'

Health case can be classified:

- Class A Conditions
- Class B Conditions
- Class B Other
- No apparent defect, disease or disability
- The **Class A classification** indicates that the applicant has an inadmissible medical condition (communicable disease of public health significance, physical or mental disorder with associated harmful behavior, drug abuse or addiction), or does not have documentation of having received vaccinations against vaccine-preventable diseases.
- The **Class B classification** indicates that the applicant has a medical condition that is not an inadmissible condition, but represents a significant departure from normal health.
- **No apparent defect, disease or disability** for a health case is automatically selected and considered as not classified.

The classifications are automatically determined from the answers on the exam(s), however, some classifications may be selected at the discretion of the panel physician.