

Minnesota Civil Surgeons

REFUGEE AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Understanding the Role of the Civil Surgeon and Adjustment of Status for Refugees

Immigrants who have been in the U.S. for one year may complete medical evaluations to adjust their status and obtain a “Green Card” or Legal Permanent Residence status. The medical evaluation requirements are different for refugees and immigrants, so it is important to first determine whether the individual is designated as a refugee or an immigrant. In most cases your patient will know their designation. If they do not know, ask to see their I-94 card. As a general rule, a refugee will have the word "refugee" printed on their I-94 card. For all applicants, the USCIS Form I-693 must be completed, signed, and submitted in a sealed envelope.

The exam needs to be completed by a civil surgeon (a physician officially designated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or USCIS) or their designee. For applicants with refugee status only, the medical director of local public health in participating counties is also authorized to complete the form.

- [USCIS: I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record \(www.uscis.gov/i-693\)](http://www.uscis.gov/i-693)

Validity of the I-693 Form

The applicant must file the I-693 with USCIS within 60 days of signature. The form, then, is valid for a period of up to two years, while the USCIS adjudicates the application. Forms that are submitted after 60 days of signature or completed incorrectly are invalid and the application will be rejected.

Civil surgeons are encouraged to write the signature date on the outside of the envelope of sealed copy of I-693, to facilitate the client or lawyer in correct processing. Consider providing client with an extra (unsealed) copy for their records.

- [USCIS: Validity of Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record \(Form I-693\) \(www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/policy-manual-updates/20181016-I-693Validity.pdf\)](http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/policy-manual-updates/20181016-I-693Validity.pdf)

For Refugees

- For refugees who arrived to the U.S. **with** a Class A condition (note: this is unusual), **the entire medical exam is required**, including any necessary vaccinations. In this case, a civil surgeon or their designee must complete the exam.
- For refugees who arrived to the U.S. **without** a Class A condition, **only immunizations** need to be reviewed and updated. In this case, a civil surgeon or their designee or by the medical director of local public health in participating counties must complete the exam.
- Refugees who only need to submit the vaccination record should submit the entire Form I-693, but **only** need to complete the following sections:
 - Part 1: Information About You
 - Part 2: Applicant’s Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature
 - Part 3: Interpreter Contact Information, Certification, and Signature
 - Part 4: Applicant’s Identification Information
 - Part 6: Civil Surgeon’s Contact Information, Certification, and Signature
 - Part 9: Vaccination Record

For Immigrants (including asylees and parolees)

- **A complete medical examination including immunizations is required.**
- The exam must be completed by a civil surgeon (a physician officially designated by USCIS) or their designee.
- Learn more about Afghan Humanitarian Parolees below.

For Afghan Humanitarian Parolees

Afghan evacuees who entered the U.S. under humanitarian parole during [Operation Allies Welcome](https://www.dhs.gov/allieswelcome) (www.dhs.gov/allieswelcome) have temporary parole status that allows them to legally live and work in the U.S. for two years. To stay longer than two years, they will need to file for an adjustment of immigration status through one of these pathways:

- **Special Immigrant Visa (SIV):** Afghan evacuees may qualify for an SIV if they were employed by the U.S. government, U.S. contractor, or International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan for over a year. Learn more at [U.S. Department of State: Special Immigrant Visas for Afghans – Who Were Employed by/on Behalf of the U.S. Government \(https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immig-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html#step1\)](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immig-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html#step1).
- **Asylum:** Afghan evacuees who do not qualify for an SIV may qualify for asylum. This application needs to be filed within one year of arrival, and they may apply for permanent residency after one year from the time asylum was granted. Learn more at [USCIS: Information for Afghan Nationals \(www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/information-for-afghan-nationals\)](https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/information-for-afghan-nationals).

Evacuees who arrived during Operation Allies Welcome received a medical exam in the Safe Havens. If the medical results were documented on the I-693 immigration medical examination form, this exam may qualify for their adjustment of status application. However, Afghan nationals with an SIV or asylum status should consult with USCIS and/or legal counsel to determine when and if the I-693 medical examination is required for the adjustment of status to become legal permanent residents.

Considerations from Technical Instructions

Tuberculosis Screening

Tuberculosis screening applies to all non-refugee immigrants (and refugees who arrived with a Class A waiver). Per March 2023 Technical Instructions, civil surgeons should **report all Class B0, B1 Pulmonary or Extrapulmonary, and B2 Latent TB Infection diagnoses** to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's eMedical system. All records must be entered into eMedical within five business days after I-693 forms have been completed. While a release of information is not needed, patients should be informed of this referral. Lead shielding is no longer recommended or required for the status adjustment medical examination for any applicants, including those who are pregnant. **All applicants 2 years or older MUST have an IGRA TB test (not a TST).** Positive IGRAs, applicants with known HIV infection, and those with signs or symptoms of TB disease must have a chest x-ray. Those applicants with a positive IGRA for whom active TB disease is ruled out have latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI).

[MDH: Tuberculosis \(TB\) \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/index.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/index.html)

- [Tuberculosis \(TB\) Basics \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/basics/index.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/basics/index.html)
- [Treatment for Latent TB Infection \(LTBI\) \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/basics/factsheets/ltbi.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/basics/factsheets/ltbi.html)

- [What does having latent tuberculosis \(LTBI\) mean for me? \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/basics/lbtbirih.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/basics/lbtbirih.pdf)
Information on TB transmission and treatment for people immigrating to the United States. Other languages available in brochures dropdown on TB Basics linked above.

Vaccinations

All applicants must meet vaccination requirements for the list of diseases designated by the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control for adjustment of status purposes. This is a subset of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines, and ACIP guidance should be followed regarding age, dosage, timing, and contraindications. As completion of a vaccine series often requires several months, the series may not be complete at the time of I-693 completion. Applicants are required to receive from the civil surgeon at least one dose of each age-appropriate vaccine listed in Table 1 for which the applicant is not currently up to date; effective October 1, 2021, applicants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Applicants should be encouraged to follow up with a primary health care provider to complete the other vaccine series.

- [CDC: Vaccination Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons \(www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/civil-surgeons/vaccination.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/civil-surgeons/vaccination.html)

To avoid high out-of-pocket expenses, applicants with insurance may go to their own primary clinic to complete or update immunizations prior to contacting a civil surgeon. For uninsured applicants, immunizations may be available at a lower cost at the local public health agency in the county in which they reside. **NOTE: Prices may vary among clinics.**

- [Free or Low-Cost Shots for Children \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/howpay.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/howpay.html)
For more information on how to determine if your child can get free or low-cost immunizations.
- [Vaccination Clinics Serving Uninsured or Underinsured Adults \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/uuavsearch.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/uuavsearch.html)
Search for clinics with free vaccine for qualifying uninsured and underinsured adults. For adults (19 years and older), immunizations may be available at low-cost at the local public health agency in the county in which they reside or in other participating clinics.

For More Information

- Download the complete Form [I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record \(www.uscis.gov/i-693\)](http://www.uscis.gov/i-693) from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- [Find a Civil Surgeon \(my.uscis.gov/findadoctor\)](http://my.uscis.gov/findadoctor) who is authorized by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- CDC offers guidance on:
 - [Medical History and Physical Examination \(www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/panel-physicians/medical-history-physical-examination.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/panel-physicians/medical-history-physical-examination.html)
 - [Vaccination Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons \(www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/civil-surgeons/vaccination.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/civil-surgeons/vaccination.html)
 - [Tuberculosis Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons \(www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/civil-surgeons/tuberculosis.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/immigrant-refugee-health/hcp/civil-surgeons/tuberculosis.html)
- Additional guidance is available from the MDH Refugee Health Program at 651-201-5414.

Minnesota Civil Surgeons List

Administrative fees for completing the I-693 form are not covered by insurance and vary between civil surgeons. Please check with the clinic for details.

Blue Earth County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Mayo Clinic Health System	Dr. Korsapati	101 Martin Luther King Jr Dr Mankato , MN 56001 507-594-6500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.

Dakota County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Austin Orthopedics and Sports Medicine	Dr. Kazi	14501 Burnhaven Dr Suite 100 Burnsville , MN 55337 952-898-1774	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.
Concentra Medical Center	Dr. Kemper	2520 Pilot Knob Rd Suite 250 Mendota Heights , MN 55120 651-224-8264	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.
MD Physicals, Inc.	Dr. Partida-Ruesga	14135 Cedar Ave #300 Apple Valley , MN 55124 952-431-9655	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Minnesota Occupational Health	Dr. Lockheart Dr. Wall	1400 Corporate Center Curve Suite 200 Eagan , MN 55121 651-968-5300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
My Medical Clinic	Dr. Ahsan Dr. Anand	4130 Blackhawk Rd #112 Eagan , MN 55122 651-340-1445	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Hennepin County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
AA Physicians	Dr. Axelrod	6545 France Ave S Suite 125 Edina , MN 55435 952-846-7446	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

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Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
AM Physicians	Dr. Bacaner Dr. Mirman	4201 Excelsior Blvd St. Louis Park , MN 55416 952-564-3882	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. • Same day appointments; call before coming.
American Immigrations of Twin Cities Medical Center	Dr. Oldenburg	4601 Excelsior Blvd Suite 407 St. Louis Park , MN 55416 952-926-0025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. • For vaccination assessment, paperwork completed same day; all other paperwork returned within 1 week. • Appointments generally available within 1-2 days.
Axis Medical Center	Dr. Hassan Dr. Semakula	1801 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis , MN 55403 612-823-2947	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Central Clinic – Neighborhood Healthsource	Dr. Ali	2301 Central Ave NE Minneapolis , MN 55418 612-588-9411	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam
Community-University Health Care Center (CUHCC)	Dr. Borowsky Dr. Reif	2001 Bloomington Ave Minneapolis , MN 55404 612-301-3433	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. • Walk-ins accepted before 4 p.m. • Clinic accepts insurance.
Crown Medical Center	Dr. Nguyen Dr. Onyekaba	100 East Franklin Ave S Minneapolis , MN 55403 1925 First Ave S Minneapolis , MN 55403 6901 78th Ave N Suite 103, Section B Brooklyn Park , MN 55445 612-871-2644 763-566-8700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. • Walk-ins accepted before 4 p.m.
Fremont Clinic – Neighborhood Healthsource	Dr. Vint	3300 Fremont Ave N Minneapolis , MN 55412 612-588-9411	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Hennepin County Medical Center Pediatrics	Dr. Maroushek	701 Park Ave Minneapolis , MN 55415 612-873-6963	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Pediatric patients younger than 19 years old only.

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Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Hennepin County Public Health Clinic	Dr. Rock	525 Portland Ave Minneapolis , MN 55415 612-543-5555	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
M Health Fairview Clinic – Bass Lake	Dr. Vaka	6320 Wedgewood Rd N Osseo , MN 55311 763-268-0400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Midpoint Medical Clinic	Dr. Kerandi	7240 Brooklyn Blvd Suite 200 Brooklyn Park , MN 55429 763-208-0677	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Minneapolis Health Clinic	Dr. Totoe	4825 Olson Memorial Highway Golden Valley , MN 55422 763-496-5708	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Multicultural Health Services	Dr. Townley	2330 Central Ave NE Minneapolis , MN 55418 612-781-1212	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
My Medical Clinic	Dr. Ahsan Dr. Anand	12805 Hwy 55 Suite 125 Plymouth , MN 55441 651-340-1445	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Noble Parkway Medical Clinic	Dr. Fawole	4808 85th Ave N Suite 300 Brooklyn Park , MN 55443 763-496-1562	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Odam Medical Group	Dr. Larbi-Odam	920 East 28th St Suite LL40 Minneapolis , MN 55407 612-871-2313	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Sheridan Clinic – Neighborhood Healthsource	Dr. Benzie Dr. Bresette	342 13th Ave NE Minneapolis , MN 55413 612-588-9411	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Summit Clinic	Dr. Hussain	12805 Highway 55, Suite 208, Plymouth , MN 55441 763-323-6564	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • For vaccination assessment, paperwork completed same day; all other paperwork returned within 2-3 days.

Koochiching County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Essentia Health	Dr. Vergeldt	2501 Keenan Drive International Falls, MN 56649 218-283-9431	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I-693 medical exams available on Tuesdays.

Lyon County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Avera Medical Group	Dr. Mok	300 S Bruce St Marshall, MN 56258 507-532-1114	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.

Mille Lacs County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Fairview-Princeton	Dr. Mai	919 Northlands Dr Princeton, MN 55371 763-389-3344	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.

Nobles County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Sanford Worthington	Dr. Dike	1680 Diagonal Rd Worthington, MN 56187 507-372-3800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.

Olmsted County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Mayo Clinic	Dr. Cowl Dr. Haddon Dr. Newcomb Dr. Swift Dr. Thompson	200 First St Rochester, MN 55904 507-284-4340	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full I-693 medical exam Review and process paperwork for I-693 for refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

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Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Rochester Clinic	Dr. Jiang	3070 Wellner Dr NE Rochester, MN 55906 507-218-3095	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 for refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Ramsey County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Central Medical Clinic	Dr. Morales	393 N Dunlap St LL34 St. Paul, MN 55104 651-644-6002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
Complete Home Health Services	Dr. Nomo-Ongolo	Silver Lake Plaza Building 4001 Sintson Blvd NE Suite 332 St. Anthony, MN 55421 612-788-2273	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Call to schedule exam and assessment of immunization needs.
Evergreen Primary Care	Dr. Vang	570 N Asbury St Suite 208 St. Paul, MN 55104 651-349-4880	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including some vaccinations on-site. • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Mon, Fri) • Other hours available by appointment only. • Can provide short turnaround time if needed.
HealthPartners Center for International Health	Dr. Nunez Pena Dr. Settgest Dr. Westerhaus	451 North Dunlap St St. Paul, MN 55104 952-967-7201	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. • Must call for appointment.
ImmiGreat LLC	Dr. Gebre	2680 Snelling Ave N Suite 265 Roseville, MN 55113 651-219-3368	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccination if needed.
M Health Fairview Clinic – Bethesda	Dr. Weinmann	580 Rice St St. Paul, MN 55103 651-227-6551	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
M Health Fairview Clinic – Roselawn	Dr. Letts	1983 Sloan Place Suite 1 St. Paul, MN, 55117 651-326-5700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 for refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

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Minnesota Occupational Health	Dr. Kipp	1661 St. Anthony Ave 2nd Floor St. Paul , MN 55104 651-968-5300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
My Medical Clinic	Dr. Ahsan Dr. Anand	1560 Beam Ave Suite F Maplewood , MN 55109 651-340-1445	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
St. Paul Clinic	Dr. Yang	301 West University Ave St. Paul , MN 55103 651-447-7113	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
St. Paul Family Medical Center	Dr. Xiong	1239 Payne Ave St. Paul , MN 55130 651-209-8350	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
West Side Community Health Services	Dr. Benfield	153 Cesar Chavez St St. Paul , MN 55107 651-222-1816	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Rice County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Allina Health Faribault Clinic	Dr. Zarate	100 State Ave Faribault , MN, 55021 507-334-3921	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 for refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Scott County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Minnesota Occupational Health	Dr. Swann	4360 12th Ave E Shakopee , MN 55379 651-968-5300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

Stearns County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Odam Medical Group	Dr. Larbi-Odam	3405 3rd St N St. Cloud , MN 56303 320-774-3800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.

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