

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 September 2018 Technical Instructions, **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). Civil surgeons should **report LTBI diagnoses to the Minnesota Department of Health within 30 days of I-693 completion, using the [Minnesota Latent Tuberculosis Infection Reporting Form \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/rih/hcp/lbtiform.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/rih/hcp/lbtiform.pdf)**. While a release of information is not needed, patients should be informed of this referral.

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

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 \(www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/ti/civil/vaccination-civil-technical-instructions.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/ti/civil/vaccination-civil-technical-instructions.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 Doctor \(my.uscis.gov/findadoctor\)](http://my.uscis.gov/findadoctor) who is authorized by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- CDC offers guidance on:
 - [Medical Examination of Immigrants and Refugees \(www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/medical-examination.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/medical-examination.html)
 - [Vaccination Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons \(www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/ti/civil/vaccination-civil-technical-instructions.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/ti/civil/vaccination-civil-technical-instructions.html)
 - [Tuberculosis Technical Instructions for Civil Surgeons \(www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/ti/civil/tuberculosis-civil-technical-instructions.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/ti/civil/tuberculosis-civil-technical-instructions.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.

Anoka County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Fairview-Andover	Dr. Gebre	13819 Hanson Blvd NW Andover, MN 55304 855-324-7843	<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 Drive Ste. 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.
Dakota County Public Health Department	Dr. Stiffman	Dakota County Western Service Center 14955 Galaxie Ave. Apple Valley, MN 55124 952-891-7500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees who live in Dakota County, including vaccinations if needed. • Processing takes 2-4 weeks after required immunizations received. • Must call for an appointment.
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.

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.
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. Ste. 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.

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Axis Medical Center	Dr. Mutnick 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.
Boynton Health Service	Dr. Park Dr. Risdahl	410 Church St. SE Minneapolis , MN 55455 612-625-3222	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed. • Practice is limited to University of MN students, faculty, staff, and their dependents 12 years of age and older.
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.
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.

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Maple Grove Medical Center	Dr. Saleem	9855 Hospital Dr. Ste. 102 Maple Grove , MN 55369 763-581-5800	<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. Ste. 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.
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.
Noble Parkway Medical Clinic	Dr. Fawole	4808 85th Ave N Ste. 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 612-632-4111	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
V Kare Clinic	Dr. Hussain	11209 Commerce Dr. N Champlin , MN 55316 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
Affiliated Community Medical Centers-Marshall	Dr. Kremer Dr. Odland	1521 Carlson 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 vaccinations 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-Preventive Medicine Division	Dr. Cowl Dr. Hagen Dr. Molella Dr. Swift	200 First St. Rochester , MN 55904 507-284-4340	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam
Olmsted County Public Health	Dr. Molella	2100 Campus Drive SE Suite 100 Rochester , MN 55904 507-328-7500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugees only • Vaccines for Olmsted County residents only

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.
EZY Urgent Care	Dr. Nola	Hmong Village 1001 Johnson Parkway Suite A17 St. Paul, MN 55106 651-646-0028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam • Review and process paperwork for I-693 refugees. • 4-7 p.m. (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Healtheast Roselawn Clinic	Dr. Everson	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 refugees, including vaccinations if needed.
HealthPartners Center for International Health	Dr. Perelman	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.
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 Dr. Anand	1560 Beam Ave. Ste. F Maplewood, MN 55109 651-340-1442	<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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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.
United Family Medicine	Dr. Ali	4808 85th Ave N Ste. 300 St. Paul, MN 55443 651-241-1000	<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 Dr. Nesvig	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.

Roseau County

Agency	Civil Surgeon	Address/Phone	Services Offered
Altru Health System	Dr. Anderson	711 Delmore Drive Roseau, MN 56751 218-463-1365	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full I-693 medical exam

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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