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SUBJECT: CDC Revisions to Visa Medical Examination Validities

1. Effective March 1, 2015, all components of the medical examination for visa applicants will be valid for either six months or three months, based on the tuberculosis evaluation. Previously, some non-TB evaluation components of the medical examination were valid for up to one year. Updated information will be published in 9 FAM 40.11 N6 and 9 FAM 40.11 Exhibit I. Below is the revised table from 9 FAM 40.11 Exhibit I. Per 9 FAM 40.11, notwithstanding the provisions of INA 221(C), visa validity must be limited to the validity of the medical examination.

2. Medical examinations will be valid for six months for individuals with the following conditions:

- a. No Class (i.e. No Apparent Defect, Disease, or Disability);
- b. Class A, Other than TB;
- c. Class B2 LTBI;
- d. Class B3 TB (Contact Evaluation);
- e. Class B, all except TB, including specific Class B conditions; and
- f. Class B Other conditions.

3. Medical examinations will be valid for three months for individuals with the following conditions:

- a. Class A TB with Waiver;
- b. Class B1 TB, Pulmonary;
- c. Class B1 TB, Extrapulmonary; and
- d. HIV infection (with or without a TB Class).

4. Revised table from 9 FAM 40.11 Exhibit I:

	Medical Examination Validity Periods (In countries using the Culture and Directly Observed Therapy Tuberculosis Technical Instructions)
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CONDITION	Length of Validity for All Components of the Medical Exam	Medical Examination date that should be listed on Form DS-2054	Examination Expiration Date That Should Be Listed on Form DS-2054
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Class (i.e. No apparent Defect, Disease or Disability) • Class A, Other than TB • Class B2 LTBI • Class B3 TB (Contact Evaluation) • Class B, all except TB, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specific Class B conditions ○ Class B Other conditions <p>(Use 6-month validity except when any of the following is also present: Class A TB with waiver, Class B1 TB, or Class B Other for HIV Infection [see below])</p>	6 months	Physical examination date	6 months from the examination date

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class A TB with Waiver (rare) • Class B1 TB, Pulmonary • Class B1 TB, Extrapulmonary <p>HIV Infection¹ with or without a TB Class)</p>	<p>3 months</p>	<p>Date final TB culture results reported by lab²</p>	<p>3 months from date final TB culture results reported by lab</p>
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¹ Document HIV infection as “Class B Other” on DS-2054 Form.

² If Class B1 TB, Extrapulmonary – Medical exam date listed on DS-2054 should be the date of the physical exam if cultures were not performed for extrapulmonary site. If culture results are obtained from extrapulmonary site, the medical exam date listed on DS-2054 should be the date of final culture results reported by lab.

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