

information necessary to determine whether refugees or visa applicants have medical conditions affecting the applicant's eligibility for a visa, or affecting the public health and requiring treatment.

### Methodology

A panel physician, contracted by the consular post, in accordance with instructions issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), performs the medical examination of the applicant and completes the forms. Upon completing the applicant's medical examination, the examining panel physician submits a report to the consular officer on the DS-2054, Medical Examination for Immigrant or Refugee Applicant, and associated worksheets. The entire medical package (all forms that comprise the panel physician medical examination) for visa applicants identified by a panel physician as having a CLASS A or CLASS B medical condition is shared with CDC, in paper form or electronically. The only documentation related to the panel physician examination that is not shared with CDC are the X-ray results, which panel physicians provide directly to the applicants and are not a part of the visa package. None of the medical package for visa applicants who are not identified as having a CLASS A or CLASS B medical condition is systematically shared with CDC. On a case by case basis, information from the medical package could be shared with CDC if specific information is necessary for the administration or enforcement of U.S. law, consistent with INA 222(f), 8 U.S.C. 1202(f).

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11232]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Electronic Medical Examination for Visa Applicant

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State ("Department") is seeking Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and

implementing OMB guidance, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Submit comments up to November 23, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Megan Herndon, Senior Regulatory Coordinator, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs at (202) 485-7586 or [PRA\\_BurdenComments@state.gov](mailto:PRA_BurdenComments@state.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Electronic Medical Examination for Visa Applicant.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0230.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* CA/VO.
- *Form Number:* DS-7794.
- *Respondents:* Panel Physician/Visa Applicants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 580,330.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 580,330.
- *Average Time per Response:* 1 hour.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 580,330 annual hours.
- *Frequency:* Once per respondent.<sup>1</sup>
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the

<sup>1</sup> The majority of applicants only need to complete medical examinations, and therefore these forms once. However, medical exams are valid for a period of three to six months from the examination date. Therefore, if an applicant's medical examination expires prior to travel, then the applicant may need to undergo a new medical examination and therefore complete the forms more than once.

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

### Abstract of Proposed Collection

This electronic collection records medical information necessary to determine whether visa applicants have medical conditions affecting the applicant's eligibility for a visa.

### Methodology

Approved panel physicians will be granted access to an eMedical system by the Department to conduct medical examinations for visa eligibility determinations. The pilot program for the eMedical system launched in September 2018. The eMedical system was rolled out in six waves, the first wave of the rollout was in July 2019, and the final wave was in May 2020. Immigrant visa applicants with a completed and submitted DS-260, Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration will have their medical exam results submitted to the Department via the eMedical system. The panel physician will input the exam information into the eMedical portal and it will be transmitted to the Department for visa adjudication and retained in the Department's systems consistent with the Department's record disposition schedule for visas. The entire medical package (all forms that comprise the panel physician medical examination) for visa applicants identified by a panel physician as having a CLASS A or CLASS B medical condition is shared with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in paper, or electronically. The only documentation related to the panel physician examination that is not shared with CDC is the X-ray results, which panel physicians provide directly to the visa applicants and are not a part of the visa package. None of the medical package for visa applicants who are not identified as having a CLASS A or CLASS B medical condition is systematically shared with CDC. On a case by case basis, information from the medical package could be shared with CDC if specific information is necessary for the administration or enforcement of

U.S. law, consistent with INA 222(f), 8 U.S.C. 1202(f).

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## STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

### Grant Guideline, Notice

**AGENCY:** State Justice Institute.

**ACTION:** Grant Guideline for FY 2021.

**SUMMARY:** This guideline sets forth the administrative, programmatic, and financial requirements attendant to Fiscal Year 2021 State Justice Institute grants.

**DATES:** October 23, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jonathan Mattiello, Executive Director, State Justice Institute, 11951 Freedom Drive, Suite 1020, Reston, VA 20190, 571–313–8843; [jonathan.mattiello@sjj.gov](mailto:jonathan.mattiello@sjj.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the State Justice Institute Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10701 *et seq.*), the State Justice Institute is authorized to award grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to State and local courts, nonprofit organizations, and others for the purpose of improving the quality of justice in the state courts of the United States.

The following Grant Guideline is adopted by the State Justice Institute for FY 2021.

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### I. Eligibility

Pursuant to the State Justice Institute Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10701 *et seq.*), the State Justice Institute (SJI) is authorized to award grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to State and local courts, nonprofit organizations, and others for the purpose of improving the quality of justice in the State courts of the United States.

SJI is authorized by Congress to award grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to the following entities and types of organizations:

- State and local courts and their agencies (42 U.S.C. 10705(b)(1)(A)).
- National nonprofit organizations controlled by, operating in conjunction with, and serving the judicial branches of State governments (42 U.S.C. 10705(b)(1)(B)).
- National nonprofit organizations for the education and training of judges and support personnel of the judicial branch of State governments (42 U.S.C. 10705(b)(1)(C)). An applicant is considered a national education and training applicant under section 10705(b)(1)(C) if:
  - The principal purpose or activity of the applicant is to provide education and training to State and local judges and court personnel; and
  - The applicant demonstrates a record of substantial experience in the field of judicial education and training.
- Other eligible grant recipients (42 U.S.C. 10705 (b)(2)(A) through (D)).
  - Provided that the objectives of the project can be served better, SJI is also authorized to make awards to:
    - (a) Nonprofit organizations with expertise in judicial administration,
    - (b) Institutions of higher education,
    - (c) Individuals, partnerships, firms, corporations (for-profit organizations must waive their fees),
    - (d) Private agencies with expertise in judicial administration.
  - SJI may also make awards to State or local agencies and institutions other than courts for services that cannot be adequately provided through nongovernmental arrangements (42 U.S.C. 10705(b)(3)).

SJI is prohibited from awarding grants to Federal, tribal, and international courts.

### II. Grant Application Deadlines

The SJI Board of Directors makes awards on a Federal fiscal year quarterly basis. Applications may be submitted at any time but will be considered for award based only on the timetable below:

**TABLE 1—APPLICATION DEADLINES BY FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR QUARTER**

Federal fiscal year quarter	Application due date
1 .....	November 1.
2 .....	February 1.
3 .....	May 1.
4 .....	August 1.

To be considered timely, an application must be submitted by the application deadline noted above. Applicants must use the SJI Grants Management System (GMS) to submit all applications and post-award

documents. The SJI GMS is accessible at <https://gms.sjj.gov>. The SJI urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date to allow time for the applicant to receive an application acceptance message and to correct in a timely fashion any problems that may arise, such as missing or incomplete forms.

Questions related to the SJI Grant Program or the SJI GMS should be directed to [contact@sjj.gov](mailto:contact@sjj.gov).

### III. The Mission of the State Justice Institute

The State Justice Institute Authorization Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10701 *et seq.*) established SJI to improve the administration of justice in the State courts of the United States. Incorporated in the State of Virginia as a private, nonprofit corporation, SJI is charged, by statute, with the responsibility to:

- Direct a national program of financial assistance designed to ensure that each citizen of the United States is provided ready access to a fair and effective system of justice;
- Foster coordination and cooperation with the Federal judiciary;
- Promote recognition of the importance of the separation of powers doctrine to an independent judiciary; and
- Encourage education for judges and support personnel of State court systems through national and State organizations.

To accomplish these broad objectives, SJI is authorized to provide funding to State courts, national organizations that support and are supported by State courts, national judicial education organizations, and other organizations that can assist in improving the quality of justice in the State courts.

Through the award of grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements, SJI is authorized to perform the following activities:

- Support technical assistance, demonstrations, special projects, research, and training to improve the administration of justice in the State courts;
- Provide for the preparation, publication, and dissemination of information regarding State judicial systems;
- Participate in joint projects with Federal agencies and other private grantors;
- Evaluate or provide for the evaluation of programs and projects to determine their impact upon the quality of criminal, civil, and juvenile justice and the extent to which they have contributed to improving the quality of justice in the State courts;