

## **9 FAM Appendix O**

### **900 MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

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#### **9 FAM 901 Timing of Examination**

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All refugees must have a medical examination by a panel physician (or *International Organization for Migration* (IOM) equivalent)), identical to that required for immigrants, before entry into the United States. Generally, this examination should take place after the applicant has been interviewed by INS and approved as a refugee meeting U.S. criteria. The examination may take place before the INS interview if it is evident that the applicant has what may be an excludable medical condition. (Medical examinations are valid for one year from the date of the examination.) The results of the medical examination must be reported on Form *DS-2053, Medical Examination for Immigrant or Refugee Applicant*, and three copies included in the refugee travel packet, along with the refugee's X-rays.

#### **9 FAM 902 International Organization for Migration (IOM) Assistance**

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Refugees are eligible to have the cost of their medical examination paid for by the U.S. Government through the IOM. At posts where there is no local IOM office, medical examination costs paid by post can be reimbursed by the IOM in Geneva. At posts where there is a local IOM office, the consular officer should contact the local IOM representative regarding reimbursement or prepayment.

#### **9 FAM 903 Obtaining Reimbursement From IOM in Geneva**

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A consular officer should request reimbursement via cable to the U.S. Mission in Geneva. The cable should use the "IOM" tag and be slugged "Mission Geneva please pass to IOM." It should provide the name, sex, date and place of birth of each refugee family member and the amount to be reimbursed.