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Director Potts:

Pursuant to 5 CFR § 1320.13, the Department of State requests OMB emergency approval to begin a new collection of information for DS-5541, Immigrant Health Insurance Coverage.

The Presidential Proclamation on the Suspension of Entry of Immigrants Who Will Financially Burden the United States Healthcare System ("PP 9945") was signed on October 4, 2019. Proclamation No. 9945, 84 FR 53991 (Oct. 4, 2019). PP 9945 requires immigrant visa applicants to establish, to the satisfaction of a consular officer, that the applicant will be covered by an approved health insurance plan within 30 days of entry into the United States, unless the applicant possesses sufficient financial resources to cover reasonably foreseeable medical costs, or if an exception in Section 2(b) applies. Section 3 of the Proclamation authorizes the Secretary of State to establish standards and procedures for governing such determinations.

Therefore, the Department of State requests emergency OMB review and approval for this collection by November 1, 2019, to implement PP9945 when it goes into effect on November 3, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed J. Ramotowski", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Edward J. Ramotowski,
Deputy Assistant Secretary