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UPDATE: EB-5 Visa Processing During the Government Shutdown

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As an update to our blog on Dec. 24, [USCIS has since clarified](#) that while the EB-5 Regional Center Program expired at the end of the day on Dec. 21, 2018, due to a lapse in congressional authorization to continue the program, USCIS will continue to receive regional center-affiliated Forms I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur, and Forms I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, after the close of business on Dec. 22, 2018. As of Dec. 22, 2018, USCIS will put unadjudicated regional center-affiliated Forms I-526 and I-485 (whether filed before or after the expiration date) on hold for an undetermined length of time. As we previously explained, and as is confirmed by USCIS in its update, all Forms I-829, Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status, filed before or after the expiration date, will not be affected by the expiration of the program. Once further legislation is passed to extend the EB-5 Regional Center Program, USCIS will provide further guidance on affected cases.

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