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Effective September 11, 2018, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is further **suspending premium processing** until **February 19, 2019** for all H-1Bs Petitions filed with California and **Vermont Service Centers** except for the following:

1. Cap-exempt H-1B Petitions by cap-exempt employers filed with **California Service Center**.

2. H-1B Petitions without any change or amendment filed with **Nebraska Service Center**.

Previously, USCIS has been suspending H-1B premium processing for H-1B Cap Petitions only until September 10, 2018.

Outside of premium processing, USCIS may still consider **expedite request** on a

discretionary and case-by-case basis.

Premium processing is filed via **Form I-907** Request for Premium Processing Service for USCIS to adjudicate a petition within **15 calendar days** from its receipt (e.g. approval, **request for evidence or RFE,** or denial within 15 days). With this temporarily suspension, there will be **processing delay** for many types of H-1B Petitions, and **FY 2019 H-1B Cap Petitions or Visas** that are fortunate enough to be selected in the **H-1B lottery process**.

For additional information, please visit: https://www.uscis.gov/news/uscis-extends-and-expands-suspension-premium-processing-h-1b-petitions-reduce-delays

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