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Recently, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced a **new immigration policy** on establishing sibling or half-sibling relationship when primary evidence is unavailable or unreliable. A USCIS officer may suggest or consider a direct **sibling-to-sibling DNA test by an AABB-accredited lab** when establishing sibling relationship in immigration cases.

Additionally, since January 24, 2017 and pursuant to 9 FAM 601.11-1 (A)(3) and 9 FAM 601.11-1 (B) of the **U.S. Department of State's Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM)**, **U.S. Consular officers** are permitted to recommend direct sibling-to-sibling DNA testing as one of the ways of establishing sibling relationship.

For additional information on immigration policies on direct sibling-to-sibling DNA

testing, please see
<https://www.uscis.gov/news/alerts/uscis-updates-policy-dna-evidence-support-sibling-relationships> and
https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/policy_updates/17%20STATE%206984%20Permitting%20Direct%20Sibling-to-sibling%20and%20Half-Sibling%20DNA%20Testing%20as%20Evidence%20of%20Relationship.pdf

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