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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (**USCIS**) has just announced that it will be **suspending premium processing service, temporarily, for all cap-subject H-1B petitions, starting April 2, 2018. This suspension is expected to last until September 10, 2018.** Currently, this suspension applies only to H-1B petitions that are subject to Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.

H-1B employers will be eligible to submit H-1B petitions subject to FY 2019 visa cap to be received by USCIS on April 2, 2018. With this temporary suspension, USCIS will reject any Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Services, filed with H-1B petitions that are subject to FY 2019 visa cap.

The reason for this premium-processing suspension is so that USCIS may adjudicate other H-1B petitions that have been long pending.

With a premium processing service, USCIS will adjudicate a petition within 15 calendar days from its receipt (e.g. approval, request for evidence or denial within 15 days). With this temporarily suspension, there will be processing delay for FY 2019 H-1B cap petitions/visas. **This means, it will be some months before USCIS will be able to adjudicate H-1B petitions subject to FY 2019 visa cap that are fortunate enough to be selected in the H-1B lottery process.**

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