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## USCIS Allows Rescheduling of Biometric Appointments by Phone

**Legal Update**

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced on May 11, 2021, that applicants, petitioners, requestors and beneficiaries may now call the USCIS Contact Center (800-375-5283) to reschedule their biometric services appointments scheduled at a USCIS Application Support Center. Previously, applicants had to submit requests in writing to reschedule their biometrics appointments.

USCIS said that applicants must establish “good cause” for rescheduling and must call before the date and time of their original appointment to reschedule. If an applicant fails to call before the scheduled appointment or to establish good cause, “USCIS may consider the application, petition, or request abandoned and, as a result, it may be denied.”