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USCIS Issues Lockbox Updates re Recent Delays

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that its lockbox facilities “have received a significant increase in filings in recent weeks.” The increase, along with COVID-19 pandemic-related restrictions, is causing “significant delays for processing receipt notices,” the agency said.

The notice states that USCIS will send a receipt notice to the mailing address provided on a properly filed form “normally within 30 days.” The agency provided several tips for decreasing the time it takes USCIS to process and send a receipt notice, including filing online, creating a USCIS online account and using the case status online tool to check status, and completing a Form G-1145, Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance, and clipping it to the front of the form to request a text message and/or email when USCIS accepts the form. The notice also includes additional tips for submitting evidence with application packages.