



CONRAD STATE 30 J-1 VISA WAIVER PROGRAM FACT SHEET

About the Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign physicians training in the US on a J-1 Visa must return to their home country to fulfill a two year home residency requirement upon program completion unless they receive a waiver of this requirement. The J-1 Visa Waiver Program allows the physician to stay in the US and work for three years in a federally designated underserved area. • PA is eligible to recruit up to 30 foreign physicians each year through the federal Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program of the United States Department of State (USDOS) and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). • The PA Department of Health (DOH) administers this program in the Commonwealth and provides assistance to physicians and their employers with the application process and throughout the three year service commitment.
The Goals of the Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to health care in underserved communities in PA. • Improve the recruitment and retention of physicians in underserved communities (Priority given to primary care physicians).
How the Program Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care organizations in federally designated underserved areas of PA wishing to hire a J-1 physician must demonstrate that they have not been able to recruit a U.S. physician. • The employer submits a formal application to the DOH which includes information about the organization, the practice site, and the physician. • The DOH submits a formal request to the USDOS for a J-1 Visa waiver for the physician. • The USCIS grants a waiver and issues a Visa which allows the physician to begin working for three years.
Program Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign physicians must be available to begin work or in the last year of their residency or fellowship to apply.
Physician Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DOH maintains a list of health care organizations interested in hiring J-1 physicians and of foreign physicians wishing to obtain a J-1 Visa waiver. • DOH welcomes contact from organizations and J-1 physicians.
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