

Nevada J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program

Description

The Nevada Primary Care Office (PCO) reviews applications and makes recommendations to the U.S. Department of State for foreign born physicians requesting waivers from their J-1 Visa, which requires them to return to their home country for two years at the end of their medical training. The waiver is granted in exchange for the physician's agreement to work in one or more geographic areas designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/P) for three years.

The State of Nevada is willing to recommend physicians holding J-1 Visas for the purpose of improving access to primary care services, and sometimes specialty services, in federally designated shortage areas. Congress and the President signed into law a bill granting states the authority to sponsor annually as many as thirty (30) J-1 Visa physicians to work in underserved areas. This legislation is referred to as the J-1 Visa Waiver bill.

Nevada is authorized, in Section 214-(l) of the Immigration and Nationalization Act [8USC-Section 1184(l)], to submit waiver recommendations to the Waiver Review Section of the U.S. Department of State. In Nevada, this authority has been delegated, by the Governor, to the Administrator of the Nevada State Health Division. The Nevada Primary Care Office provides program support to the Administrator.

All eligible facilities and employers with vacancies are encouraged to visit the [3RNet](#) to post advertisements or look for job opportunities. Physicians may also use the [Great Basin Primary Care Association](#) website to search for current vacancies in Nevada.

How to Apply in Nevada

The J-1 Visa Waiver Program's fiscal year begins November 1st and ends September 10th. Applications are accepted throughout the year on a first-come, first-served basis and can be submitted on behalf of physicians with a J-1 Visa by the physician's legal representative. The physician, due to the requirement for information from the sponsor, does not generally complete the application alone. Not all international medical graduates are eligible; only those currently in the U.S. as "exchange visitors" engaged in postgraduate medical education.

Complete instructions and application materials are available by clicking here: [J-1 Visa Waiver Program Requirements and Application Forms](#).

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Checklist and Application Forms**

The following information must be submitted in this order to the Primary Care Office, Health Division. See contact information above. The Department of State (DOS) number and the physician's last name must be typed or printed on each page of the application.

Please allow at least six months from the date that the completed application is submitted to the PCO, until the physician is due to begin work at the site.

Attachment A:	J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Application
Application Fee	\$ 500.00 application fee (NRS 439A.170) (non refundable)
Tab A:	Eligibility Screening Questionnaire
Tab B:	Cover letter from the employer requesting that the Nevada State Health Division act as an interested government agency.
Tab C:	Candidate contact information.
Tab D:	Candidate information plus Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/P) information
Tab E:	Information regarding the Candidate's training and how that will help meet the unmet needs of sponsor site
Tab F:	Documentation that site accepts Medicaid/Medicare/Nevada Check-up and Sliding Fee scale.
Tab G:	Data regarding clients served and their payor source.
Tab H:	Description and documentation of recruitment efforts.
Tab I:	Sponsor site sample contract – see example
Tab J:	Board of Medical Examiner's letter indicating that the board has approved the Candidate's application for licensure
Tab K:	Candidate's complete curriculum vitae
Tab L:	Immigration and Naturalization Form G-28 / letter regarding counsel
Tab M:	Copies of immigration paperwork (DS 2019, I-94) and proof of passage examinations
Tab N:	No-objection letter from physician's home country, if applicable
Tab O:	Candidate and Employer shall complete and sign their respective J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Policy Affidavit and Agreement: Physician B1 & Employer B2.
Tab P:	Employer/physician must fill out Verification of Status Form
Tab Q:	Copy of the U.S. Department of State's J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Review Application (DS-3035; 03-2005) completed by Candidate.
Attachment B:	Affidavit and Agreement form – Physician (B1) & Employer (B-2)
Attachment C:	Verification of Status Form
Attachment D:	Site Visiting Monitor Tool
Attachment E:	Annual Satisfaction Survey Tool: Physician (E-2) & Employer (E-1)
Attachment F:	Sample Contract
Attachment G:	Six-month Compliance Reports: Physician (G-1) Employer (G-2)