

STATE	PRACTICE AREA							SPECIALISTS		APPLICATION REV.	Other Notes	CONTACT	WEBSITE
	Family	General	Pediatrics	Optometry	OB/GYN	Internal	Psychiatry	Y/N	Notes				
AL	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	up to 15, after primary	Hospitals in the Alabama State Rural Health Plan and Alabama employers in non-Metropolitan Statistical areas can submit applications for sub-specialists on the first work day of October; Other Alabama sub-specialist employers can submit applications the first Monday of the first full work week the following January until all spaces are filled	Physician must submit documentation that he/she tried all other Alabama state waiver programs first, employer contracts cannot contain non-compete clauses, must include a specified liquid damages clause, and ust incorporate all the terms and conditions of the Alabama Waiver Program	Leigh Ellen Sanders, Alabama Dept. of Public Health, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, The RSA Tower, Suite 710 – P.O.Box 303017, Montgomery, AL 36130 Phone:334-206-5396 Fax: 334-206-5434 Email: leighsanders@adph.state.al.us State 30 info: Cheri Reaves-Tillery at (334) 206-5441 or CheriReaves-Tillery@adph.state.al.us	http://www.adph.org/ruralhealth/index.asp?ID=885
AK	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	no priority	Year-round Rolling Review	all specialites may apply, Alaska does not recruit directly, physicans must contact the US State Department and potential employers	Nancy Barros, Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services, Primary Care & Rural Health Unit, P.O. Box 110601, Juneau AK, 99811-0601 Phone:907-465-1491 Email: Nancy_Barros@health.state.ak.us	http://www.3rnet.org/locations/?state=AK

AZ	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	7 spots reserved	10/1/2007-11/30/2007	Primary Care and Pyschiatrists must fill 22 of the 30 slots. If slots remain available, applications post-marked by March 30, 2008 will be considered. Preference is given to Spanish speakers (or other significantly represented languages). The employer must use a sliding discount-to-fee schedule based on current Federal Poverty Guidelines. One slot is reserved to be used at the discretion of the Arizona Health Administration	Fabian Valle, Office of Health Systems Development, Division of Public Health Services, Arizona Dept. of Health Services, 1740 W. Adams St, Ste 410, Phoenix AZ, 85007-2670 Phone: (602) 542-1066 Email: vallef@azdhs.gov	http://azdhs.gov/hsd/visa_waiver.htm
AR	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	as needed	applications accepted in two periods: 8/1-10/31 or 1/1-3/31. 20 will be selected from first collection and 10 will be chosen from the second collection.	Arkansas does use the Flex-5 spots. Facility must have been in operation for at least six months.	Mary Fuller, Administrator J-1 Visa Waiver Program Arkansas Department of Health 5800 West 10th Street, Suite 400 Little Rock, AR 72204 Phone: 501-661-2771 Fax: 501-661-2165 Email: Mary.Fuller@arkansas.gov	www.healthyarkansas.gov

CA	x		x		x	x	x	N		Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Physicians with Fellowship training may apply if they are willing to practice ONLY primary care. The facility must accept Medicaid/Medicare and medically indigent patients. Applications must include all IAP-66 forms and I-94 forms for the physician and any family members. If the physician is contractually obligated to return to his/her home country, a letter of "No Objection" from the home country must be included with the application. The facility cannot assist in acquiring permanent residence status for the physician until these requirements have been met for at least two years.	Catherine Hicks, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, California Department of Health Services, Expanded Access to Primary Care (EAPC) MS 8500 PO Box 997413 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413 Phone: 916.449.5779 Fax: 916.449.5777 Email: chicks2@dhs.ca.gov	http://www.prh.dhs.ca.gov/Programs/CaSORH/J1Visa.htm
CO	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	as needed, about 91% go to primary care	Applications are reviewed by committee. The committee meets four times a year in March, June, September and December. Applications must be received two weeks before the committee meeting. Call the Primary Care Office for exact dates: 1 (303) 692 - 2470	Applications are not accepted directly from physicians or attorneys.	Primary Care Office, PSD-A5 Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, CO 80246-1350 Phone: 303-692-2470 Email: cdphe.psdrequests@state.co.us	http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/pp/primarycare/j1/

CT	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	All specialties and sub-specialties are considered based on need.	Rolling Review based on Applications received 10/1 until full	Application must include a DPH-1 form. Facility must be pre-approved	Stephen Carragher 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12APP PO Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134 Phone: 860-509-7590 or 7563 Fax: 860-509-8457	http://www.dph.state.ct.us/Licensure/apps/J1app.pdf
DE	x		x		x	x		Y	Specialties will be considered if the facility can document sufficient need for the specialty	Applications are accepted until the first Monday in December. Applications after this date must show "emergent need"	Sites must be pre-approved. There is a \$200 Site Application Fee. Pre-approved sites must also pay a non-refundable pre-processing fee.	Theresa Strauder Conrad State 30 Program Manager Division of Public Health Health Systems Development Branch P.O. Box 637 Dover, DE 19903 Phone: 302-744-4735 Fax: 302-739-6653	http://www.dhss.delaware.gov or http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dph/chca/files/dphhsdj1vreg.pdf

FL	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Physician may have a sub-specialty so long as no less than 20 hours per week are spent providing clinical primary care. Up to 5 spots are available for full-time specialists.	Applications for the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year must be received by November 5, 2007	Priority is given to safety-net providers such as county health departments, federally qualified health centers, community mental health centers, homeless clinics, and public hospital outpatient clinics. Within 1 year of the J-1 Physician placement, total patients should consist of 20% Medicaid and 10% discounted/sliding fee schedule. Fees must be discounted for patients of all providers, not just the J-1 physician. FLEX spots (non-HPSA-MUA/P) waivers will only be considered if there are unused waivers after the initial application review and scoring period	Karen Lundberg, J-1 coordinator Department of Health J-1 Visa Waiver Program, Office of Health Professional Recruitment, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-15, Tallahassee, FL, 32399-1735 phone: 850-245-4446 ext 2704	http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Workforce/recruit1/Waivers.html
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GA	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	<p>The 30 slots are divided as follows: 20 for primary care physicians (including geriatrics fellows), 5 for physicians with a primary care residency and fellowship sub-specialty willing to practice 20 hours of primary care and 20 hours of specialty care per week, and 5 spots for full time specialists</p>	<p>Rolling Review based on Applications received 10/1 until full; takes 6-8 weeks for application to be processed.</p>	<p>The contract must contain the following statement verbatim "Inasmuch as the parties agree that the damages would be difficult to calculate if the physician willfully, voluntarily and without reasonable cause, terminates the agreement before the completion of at least a three-year term, the parties agree that such an act shall result in an obligation by the physician to pay Employer \$250,000 as a liquidated damage clause." Contracts cannot contain non-compete clauses, nor any other constraints on future competition. All physicians must be board eligible and become board certified within one year of receiving their waiver. ARC waiver eligible counties are generally excluded from the State 30 program.</p>	<p>Program Coordinator, Primary Care Georgia State Office of Rural Health Services 502 South Seventh Street Cordele, GA 31015 Phone: 229-401-3088 Fax: 229-401-3077</p>	<p>http://dch.georgia.gov/vgn/images/portals/cit_1210/59/28/38151973J1_Visa_Policy.pdf</p>
HI	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y					

ID	x		x		x	x	x	N		Rolling Review based on Applications received 10/1 - full	Physician must first apply for a waiver through any organization with a federal or interested governmental agency authority which submits waiver requests for Idaho's underserved populations. Applications must include documentation as to why this route was not taken. Sites must pay a \$1000 non-refundable site approval fee and all patients must be on a sliding scale payment plan.	Laura Rowen, Primary Care Program Manager, 450 W. State Street, 4th Floor P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036 208-334-5993 (phone) 208-332-7262 (fax) Email: rowenl@dhw.idaho.gov	http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/DesktopModules/ArticlesSortable/ArticlesSrtView.aspx?tabID=0&alias=Rainbow&lang=en-US&ItemID=1001&mid=10861
IL	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	Facilities in urban areas must be either non-profit or public	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Facilities must have pre-approval and provide semi-annual documentation that at least 51% of patients served by the J1 physician are from underserved areas. 15 slots are reserved for urban facilities; 6 waivers reserved for rural psych, 12 for primary care physicians, and 12 for specialists. There are no restrictions after July.	Bronwin Jones-Leach. Illinois Department of Public Health, Department's Center for Rural Health, 535 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761 phone: 217-782-1624, Fax 217-782-3987 TTY 800-547-0466	http://www.idph.state.il.us/pdf/j-1application_fy2005.pdf

IN	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	primary care is prioritized but specialists will be considered if they work in HPSA, MUA/P	10/1/2007-10/31/2007	Indiana will consider applicants for the Flex 5 located outside the HPSA, MUA/P but serving a large percentage of patients from those areas.	Patrick Durkin Primary Care Office Manager Office of Partner Relations 2 N. Meridian Street, Section 8B Indianapolis, IN 46204 phone: 317-233-7846 email: pdurkin@isdh.in.gov	http://www.in.gov/isdh/publications/partner_rel/J1WaiverProg/j1_waiver.htm
IA	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	Employer must demonstrate specialist services are essential to the underserved population. Specialists and sub-specialists may fill up to 15 of the 30 slots.	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Iowa will use Flex 5 spots if patients come from HPSA, MUA/P areas	Carl Kulczyk, Program Planner, Primary Care Office, Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Health Care Access, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319 phone: (515) 281-7223 Email: ckulczyk@idph.state.ia.us	http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/primary_care.asp

KS	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	primary care physicians are prioritized, emergency medicine is accepted	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Waivers are divided among specialists and primary care physicians on the following schedule: From October 1, 15 primary and 15 specialist waivers; after January 1, up to 6 primary waivers will be held and specialist waivers may be released to open competition. From March 1, up to 4 primary waivers are reserved and any remaining specialist waivers are released to open competition. After July 1, up to 2 waivers may be held for primary care and all remaining slots may be released to general competition.	Barbara Gibson, Director Primary Care Office, Office of Local & Rural Health, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 340, Topeka, KS 66612-1365 Phone: (785)296-1200 Fax: (785)296-1231 E-mail: bgibson@kdhe.state.ks.us	http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqj/hcab.htm
KY	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	Employer's must demonstrate a state or regional need for the specialist services	10/1-10/31	The population to primary care physician ratio can be no lower than 2000 to 1.	Kentucky Department for Public Health, Attn: John W. Hensley, 275 East Main Street, HS2GW-A, Frankfort, Kentucky 40621 Phone: 502-564-8966 ext 3773 Email: john.hensely@mail.state.ky.us	http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqj/hcab.htm

LA	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	up to 20% of the waivers may go to specialists until April 1, but applications must demonstrate "dire need" for the speciality, no specialities may be practiced without contract approval by the appropriate waiver agency.	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Physicians must have completed a US residency in primary care. State 30 physicians must work in HPSAs, MUA/P locations do not qualify. 80% of the waivers are held for primary care and 20% are held for specialists until April 1, after which, all waivers are considered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Louisiana will consider Flex-5 applicants so long as 50% or more of the facility's patients are underserved, 30% or more are residents of the HPSA, it's within a 30 minute drive from an HPSA or the facility serves a disproportionate share of Medicaid/uninsured/underinsured patients. J1 physician's salary must be equal to at least 95% of the prevailing wage.	Jeanne Haupt, Program Coordinator, at P. O. Box 3118, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-3118 or by phone at 225-342-3506 or by e-mail at jhaupt@dhh.la.gov	http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/page.asp?id=88&detail=4985
ME	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Maine does not distinguish between primary and specialist applications	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Applications take 30 days to review, any remaining applications after all 30 spots are filled will be carried over to the following fiscal year. Maine does use flex-5 positions.	Charles Dwyer, Director Office of Rural Health and Primary Care J-1 Visa Waiver Review Department of Health and Human Services #11 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0011 Phone: 207-287-5503 Email: charles.dwyer@maine.gov	http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/orhpc/

MD	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Any specialist may apply	Rolling monthly reviews	The physician must spend 32 of every 40 hours per week in direct patient care. Absences cannot be longer than 2 months at a time or no more than 6 months cumulatively over 3 years. Practice sites must announce vacancy in all medical schools in the state and must be in operation for at least 6 months before the application is submitted.	Primary Care Organization, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, OHPP-FHA-DHMH, 201 West Preston Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Phone: (410) 767-5301 Fax (410) 333-7501 Email: OHPP@dnhm.state.md.us	http://www.fha.state.md.us/ohpp/pco/html/mdj1visaawaiverprogr.cfm
MA	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Specialists may apply but primary care physicians are prioritized	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Physicians who speak languages significantly represented as an underserved population receive priority. No waivers are granted for research or teaching.	Nicole Watson Recruitment and Retention Program Coordinator Massachusetts Department of Public Health Primary Care Office 250 Washington Street, 5th Floor Boston, MA 02108-4619 Phone: 617-624-6075 Fax: 617-624-6062 Email (general info): j1@dph.state.ma.us Email: Nicole.Watson@state.ma.us	http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2terminal&L=5&L0=Home&L1=Provider&L2=Guidelines+and+Resources&L3=Guidelines+for+Services+%26+Planning&L4=Health+Systems+%26+Workforce+Development&sid=Eeohhs2&bin=dph_com_health_p_j1_visas&csid=Eeohhs2

MI	x	x	x	x	x	Y	<p>If Michigan does not receive at least 30 primary care applications, the department of health will consider specialist applications; rural specialists will be given priority over urban specialists</p>	11/1/2007 - 11/30/2007	<p>Michigan tries to select 16 rural placements and 14 urban placements. It is not necessary to have an employer sponsor in order to request an application packet. The applications may be requested by physicians for a non-refundable fee of \$100 payable to the "Michigan Health Council" along with the physician's name, address, specialty and residency graduation date. Applications must include a \$200 non-refundable processing fee and a \$1200 fee that will be returned if the waiver is not recommended to the U.S. State Department. Michigan gives preference to HPSAs but if they receive less than 30 applications for placement in Michigan's HPSAs, they will consider placements to MUA/Ps. Flex-5 placements are only considered if Michigan receives less than 30 applications for both HPSAs and MUA/Ps or in circumstances demonstrating</p>	<p>Michele Lovaas, Michigan Health Council/Medical Opportunities of Michigan, 2410 Woodlake Dr, Ste 440, Okemos, MI, 48864 phoneL 517-347-3336 or 517-347-4096 or 800-479-1666 email:mlovaas@mimom.org</p>	<p>http://www.mimom.org/hpsa.php?inc=j-1 Visa Info</p>
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MN	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Specialist applications will be considered but must supply comprehensive additional documentation	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	No more than 4 specialist waivers will be accepted before July 1. After July 1, all qualified applications are considered. Three (3) spots are reserved for non-HPSA/MUA locations that can demonstrate that a significant portion of their patients reside in a neighboring HPSA/MUA	Lorry Colaizy, Minnesota Department of Health, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, Golden Rule Building, P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul, MN, 55164 Phone: 651-282-3851 OR 800-366-5424 Email: Lawrence.col aizy@health.state.mn.us	http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/j1/
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MS	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	Specialist applications will be considered but must supply comprehensive additional documentation and a separate application	Applications accepted any time on a rolling review basis.	Facilities must submit a predetermination site application before applications for individual physicians are submitted. There is a \$1500 non-refundable processing fee required with each application. Sites must provide evidence of 6 months national and regional recruitment efforts including print advertising and at least 4 certified letters to medical schools. Facilities must give priority to physicians other than J-1 (for example, physicians with H-1B status) who apply and are qualified. 51% of all patients must be from HPSAs. Physicians with four (4) year contracts are preferred.	Alvin Harrion, Office of Primary Care, Mississippi State Dept. of Health, P.O. Box 1700, 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Jackson, MS 39215-1700 Phone: 601-576-7216 Email: aharrion@msdh.state.ms.us	http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/44,0,112,181.html
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MO	x		x		x	x	x	Y	Primary care is prioritized, Specialist applications will be considered but must supply comprehensive additional documentation	Applications are accepted from July 1 through September 30. Decisions are made in the first week of October.	Family Practice, pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology or Psychiatry specialties are prioritized. Internal medicine physicians are selected on the basis of geographic areas serviced. Applicants whose spouses were Missouri residents or were previous J-1 Visa Waiver participants are given a higher priority. Employers must complete a pre-certification form to establish participation eligibility.	Harold Kirbey, Missouri Dept. of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Improvement, 920 Wildwood Drive, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO, 65109 Phone: 573-751-6219 or 800-891-7415 Email: info@dhss.mo.gov	http://www.dhss.mo.gov/j1visa/index.html
MT	x		x		x	x	x	Y	Specialists may apply but primary care physicians are prioritized	Rolling Review based on J-1 physicians' applications received 10/1 until full	J-1 physicians' compensation must be at least equal to the local prevailing wage or the employer's actual wage for similarly employed U.S. workers, whichever is higher.	James Nybo, Department of Public Health and Human Services, Primary Care Office, P.O. Box 202951, Helena MT, 59620-2951 Phone: 406-444-3574 Email: jnybo@state.mt.us	http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/Primary-Care/primary-care-j-1info.shtml
NE	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	Nebraska will consider every application that the facility can demonstrate is in the state's best interest.	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Nebraska will consider Flex-5 applications.	Tom Rauner, Health and Human Services, Nebraska Office of Rural Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE, 68509 Phone: 402-471-1048 Email: Thomas.rauner@hhss.state.ne.us; officeofruralhealth@hhss.ne.gov	http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/orh/j1.htm

NV	x	x	x		x	x	x	N	Geriatrics is considered a primary care service. Physicians with specialist training may apply but must provide primary care 40 hours a week	Applications are accepted beginning November 1 through December 31	5 slots reserved for staffing needs determined at the discretion of the Health Division. There is a three (3) waiver maximum for any single clinic and no more than 70% of the placements may be in Clark County.	Douglas Schrauth, Health Resources Analyst II, Primary Care Development Center, 3427 Goni Road, Suite 108, Carson City, NV, 89706 Phone: 775-684-4220 Email: dschrauth@nvhd.state.nv.us	http://health.nv.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=500&Itemid=982
NH	x		x		x	x	x	Y	priority for specialists that support primary care: dentistry, geriatrics, general surgery, radiology	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Flex spots require additional documentation on specific criters. Contact the Workforce coordinator at 603-271-4741 for criteria information. Facilities cannot help the physician to get legal permanent residence for at least 2 years.	Bryan Ayars, Bureau Chief New Hampshire Office of Community and Public Health Bureau of Rural and Health and Primary Care 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 Phone: 603-271-4741 Fax: 603-271-4506 E-mail: bayars@dhhs.state.nh.us 2) Claire Hodgman Phone: 1-800-203-0234 Email: chodgman@bistatepca.org	http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/RHPC/j1.htm

NJ	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Specialists are considered, but primary care is prioritized and the need for a specialist must be well documented.	Year-round Rolling Review	<p>The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) recommends that before submitting a Data Sheet and filing fee, applicants contact Linda D. Anderson to determine that the employer/facility and the s applicant/physician both meet the minimum requirements to qualify for a waiver. New Jersey will only place J-1 waiver physicians in HPSAs, in some cases, facilities in MUAs will be considered, but applicants should contact Linda Anderson to confirm eligibility. Physicians must sign a four-year contract in a geographic HPSA. Of every 40 hour week, 20% of the physicians time may be spent teaching or providing student supervision.</p>	<p>Linda D. Anderson, New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services, Capital Plaza, 50 East State Street, P. O. Box 364, 6th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364 Phone: (609) 292-1495 Email: Linda.Anderson@doh.state.nj.u</p>
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NM	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Specialists will only be considered for facilities in MUA's and MUP's	New Mexico will begin accepting applications on 10/1 but will only consider the first 35 applications received. In 2006, applications were accepted from 10/1 through 11/30.	Between 3 and 5 slots are reserved for NM state facilities. The J-1 physician cannot be the sole practioner at the facility. To use a flex spot, physicians must be licensed by the state fo New Mexico, the Facility must provide a substantial amount of medical care to patients who reside in HPSAs, MUA/Ps, and that the services are needed.	Gabriel Chavez New Mexico Department of Health Office of Primary Care and Rural Health 300 San Mateo Boulevard NE, Suite 902 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108 Phone: 505-841-5866/5870 (direct dial to Gabriel Chavez) Fax: 505-841-5885 E-mail: gabrielc@doh.state.nm.us	http://www.nmhr.org/nmj1.html
NY	x	x			x	Y	Specialists are considered, but primary care is prioritized and the need for a specialist must be well documented.	Applications must be post-marked by 11/30; decisions are made by February.	New York will use the Flex-5 spots so long as a facility can document that the sponsoring employer and/or the physician are serving populations from HPSAs or MUA/P	Steve Swanson New York State Department of Health New York "State 30" Program Corning Towers # 1084 Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12237-0053 Phone: 518-473-7019 Fax: 518-474-0572 E-mail: sas03@health.state.ny.us or sch_loan@health.state.ny.us	http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/dpprd/j-1.htm

NC	x	x	x	x	Y	<p>Specialists are considered, but primary care is prioritized and the need for a specialist must be well documented.</p> <p>Rolling Review based on applications due January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15.</p> <p>Sites must gain pre-approval by calling Tom Tucker before submitting an application. Physicians must apply to other interested government agencies before applying for the State 30 program. Applicants must include a minimum four (4) year contract. 10 slots are reserved for primary care. The remaining 20 spots may go to primary or specialties which support primary care: general surgery, cardiology, gastroenterology, anesthesia, orthopedic surgery, emergency medicine or hospitalists. These specialties are prioritized, but other specialists may apply.</p> <p>Tom Tucker, Medical Placement Specialist, North Carolina Office of Rural Health and Resource Development, 311 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27606 Phone: 919-733-2040 or 800-533-8847 To request an application: 919-715-7629 Email: tomtucker@mindspring.com</p> <p>http://www.ncruralhealth.org/j1.html</p>
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ND	x		x	x	x	N	Specialists are only considered in extreme circumstances	Year-round Rolling Review	General surgery is considered a part of primary care. After all 30 slots are filled, any remaining applications are given a priority number and carried over for review in the following fiscal year. The facility cannot help the physician attain legal permanent resident status for at least three (3) years. The facility must provide semi-annual reports to the Department to ensure they are in compliance with waiver regulations. Flex spots are used on a first come, first serve basis based on need. If a site receives a flex waiver in a given year, they will not have priority for a flex spot the next year.	Mary Amundson UNDSMHS Center for Rural Health, P.O. Box 9037 Grand Forks, ND 58202 Phone: 701-777-4018 Fax: 701-328-4727 E-mail: mamundson@medicine.nodak.edu	http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/rural/rhw/j1/index.html
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OH	x	x	x	x	x	Y	<p>Specialists are considered, but primary care is prioritized and the need for a specialist must be well documented.</p> <p>Facilities must submit applications for pre-approval between 9/1-10/15. Individual physician applications are reviewed on three dates: November 1, March 1, and April 15. Applications must be received 15 days prior to the review deadlines.</p> <p>Adolescent Medicine and Geriatrics are considered part of primary care. Ohio will not sponsor physicians on a case-by-case basis, they must have facility support. Facilities must pre-approved for eligibility by submitting a data sheet. There is a \$3571 non-refundable application fee. Applicants for the Flex-5 positions must supply substantial documentation as to how they benefit the HPSA, MHSPA populations. A maximum of 10 applications are accepted on each of the first 2 review dates.</p> <p>Phil Styer Ohio Department of Health Primary Care and Rural Health Program PO Box 118 246 North High St., 6th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-2412 Phone: 614-644-8508 or 8063 Fax: 614-644-9850 Email: pstyer@odh.ohio.gov or BCHSSD@odh.ohio.gov</p> <p>http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/chss/visa/visa1.aspx</p>
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OK	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	Specialists are considered, but primary care is prioritized and the need for a specialist must be well documented. Letters from the facility and demonstrated need should be provided to show eligibility before a full application is submitted.	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Only 2 slots will be given to any single county per year and only 1 slot per employer per year.	Michael Brown, Director of Primary Care Oklahoma Dept of Health/Office of Primary Care 1000 NE 10th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1299 Phone: (405) 271-8428 Fax: 405-271-2886 E-mail: mikebr@health.state.ok.us	http://www.health.state.ok.us/program/pco/index.html
OR	x		x		x	x	x	Y	6 of the 30 slots are reserved for specialists.	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full; there is a 2-3 week processing time.	Applicants must contact the coordinator before applying. Priority is given to physicians in family practice or psychiatry. There is a \$2000 applications fee.	Oregon Conrad 30 Program Department of Human Services 800 N.E. Oregon Street, Suite 930 Portland, OR 97232 Phone: 503-945-9467	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/publichealth/hsp/conrad/index.cfm

PE	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Specialists may apply but primary care physicians are prioritized	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	A site must be pre-approved before individual J-1 physician applications can be submitted. To use a flex spot, the facility must state its intent to apply for the slot in a "letter of need" and document that 20% of the patients are from a primary care HPSA or MUA/P or 30% from a low income HPSA. Only one request may be made per facility each year.	Connie Hanna Department of Health Bureau of Health Planning Room 1033, Health & Welfare Building 7th & Forster Streets Harrisburg, PA 17120 Phone: 717-772-5298 Fax: 717-705-6525 E-mail: channa@state.pa.us	http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?A=169&Q=204585
RI	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Specialists may apply but primary care physicians are prioritized	Each case will be given a priority number at the end of a review period that begins on 6/15. Applications must be received by that date.	The Rhode Island Department of Health will not approve applications that include employment contracts with "non-compete" clauses. Priority is given to spanish speaking, english proficient physicians, community and state employers, physicians recruited through Brown University, and specialists practicing radiologists, pediatric neurology, Anesthesiology, Pain Management, child psychiatry	Robert Crausman, RI Department of Health, Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, 3 Capitol Hill Room 205, Providence, RI 02908 Phone: Tel: 401-222-3855 Email: RobertC@doh.state.ri.us	http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/professionals/visa/j1visa.php

SC	x	x	x	x	x	Y	All specialists may apply	Facilities may submit a request for a J-1 waiver slot at any time.	All employers must be pre-approved by the Primary Care Office and assigned a J-1 waiver slot before a waiver application will be accepted for processing. To gain approval, contact Mark Jordan. Physicians must submit a Department of State data sheet and a \$230 processing fee to US Dept. of State to establish a case number before submitting an application to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. The facility must have been providing care for a minimum of 12 months in the state of South Carolina prior to submitting its request. and must agree to submit semi-annual reports to the PCO. The reports must provide the status of the physician who received the waiver and information on the numbers of patients seen by payment category. The	Mark Jordan Office of Rural Health Migrant Health and Primary Care SC Department of Health and Environmental Control 2600 Bull Street Columbus, SC 29201 Phone: 803-898-0766 Fax: 803-898-0445 E-mail: Jordanma@dhec.sc.gov	http://www.dhec.sc.gov/health/opc/j1.htm
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SD	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	<p>All specialists may apply</p> <p>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, however applications for urban sites may not apply until after April 1. Urban sites are defined as communities with a population of 50,000 people or greater or communities within 10 miles of such communities.</p>	<p>Facilities cannot include "non-compete" clauses in the physician contracts. The facility must also submit annual reports demonstrating a significant portion of the patients are from HPSA MUA/Ps and that all other criteria for the waiver have been met. To use a flex-spot, the facility must demonstrate a need and describe how the physician will serve underserved areas. There is a \$200 program fee for applications. Physicians must spend at least 32 hours in direct patient care and may spend up to 8 hours a week on administrative duties.</p>	<p>Josie Petersen, Office of Rural Health, South Dakota Department of Health, 207 East Missouri Avenue, #1A, Pierre, SD 57501 phone: (605) 773-3517 email: josie.petersen@state.sd.us</p>	<p>http://doh.sd.gov/RuralHealth/J1.aspx</p>
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TN	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	<p>Tennessee lists 35 accepted specialties, though other specialists may apply if there is a demonstrated need for their services.</p>	<p>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Before June 30, 10 slots are reserved for specialists. After June 30, all spots are eligible to all employers.</p>	<p>All primary care providers must be placed in rural areas, while all specialists must have hospital associations. Only 1 specialist per hospital before April 1. Flex spots are delegated selectively. Applications must arrive by certified mail from the sponsoring employer on behalf of the physician.</p>	<p>Ann Cranford, Office of Health Access, Cordell Hull Building, Third Floor, 425 5th Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37247 Phone: 615-741-2101 or 615-741-0417 Email: ann.cranford@state.tn.us</p>	<p>http://health.state.tn.us/rural/j1visa0.html</p>
TX	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	<p>Specialists are considered, but primary care is prioritized and the need for a specialist must be well documented.</p>	<p>Applications accepted starting September 5, 2007. Applications received before that date will be returned, the first 30 complete and eligible applications will be considered for recommendation.</p>	<p>Applications must include the \$2000 fee. Applications that are not recommended will have the fee returned, there is a partial refund if the application is withdrawn. Additionally, applicants must include six (6) letter of community support. Texas will consider applications for Flex spots if need is demonstrated.</p>	<p>Clay Daniel or Connie Berry, Texas Primary Care, J-1 Mail Code 1937, Texas Department of State Health Services, 1100 West 49th Street, M631, Austin TX, 78756 Phone: 512-458-7518 Email: clay.daniel@dshs.state.tx.us or connie.berry@dshs.state.tx.us or TexasPCO@dshs.state.tx.us</p>	<p>http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chpr/j1info.shtm</p>

UT	x			x	x	x	N		Year-round Rolling Review	only a few counties are eligible for J-1 visa waiver placements: Cache, Daggett, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Piute, Rich, Wayne and HPSA tracts in Magna, Midvale, and West Valley City in Salt Lake County	Ms. Erin L. Olsen Office of Primary Care and Rural Health Utah Department of Health P.O. Box 142005 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-2005 Phone:801-538-6113 Email: elolsen@utah.gov	http://health.utah.gov/primarycare/employment.html
VT	x		x		x	x	Y	Specialists are considered, but primary care is prioritized and the need for a specialist must be demonstrated	Year-round Rolling Review	Facilities must notify the Vermont Department of Health that they plan to request a J-1 waiver slot before a job offer is made to the physician. Physicians must have a 3-year minimum contract. If an exception to the three years is requested, the facility must explain this to the VT Dept. of Health before the job offer is made. Vermont accepts applications for Flex 5 spots	Mercedes Bright, Vermont Department of Health, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, 108 Cherry Street, PO Box 70. Burlington, VT, 05402 Phone: (802) 951-5179 email:mbright@vdh.state.vt.us; also, applicants should contact the Bistate Primary Care Association: Tammy Mckenzie, BiState Primary Care Association for initial screening and consultation at phone (802)229-0002	http://www.vdh.state.vt.us/healthpolicy/healthcareworkforce/j1visawaiver.htm

VA	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Specialists are considered, but primary care is prioritized. If the facility is a multi-specialty practice group, specialists will be considered.	Year-round Rolling Review; allow for processing times between 30 and 90 days.	Virginia prioritizes submissions received from J-1 and H-1B visa holders and offers assistance first to those who have been trained in Virginia. The applicant or the applicant's lawyer must submit an original and one hard-copy of the application. Applications that are faxed or electronically delivered will not be reviewed. The facility must also complete a "Medical Practice Site and Program Description" form. The physician's contract cannot include a non-compete clause. Slots go to the 2 public hospitals if needed until July 1, when all slots are available to all employers. Flex-5 applications should document the number of similar positions in the county, define the demographics, describe the effects of not having the position in the community and a letter of support from the District Health Director and/or community practitioners, hospital	Karen Reed J-1 Program Manager Virginia Department of Health Office of Health and Policy Planning 109 Governor Street, Ste 1016 East Richmond, VA 23219 Phone: 804-864-7427 Fax: 804-864-7440 E-mail: karen.reed@vdh.virginia.gov	http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/healthpolicy/healthcareworkforce/j1visawaiver.htm
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WA	x	x	x	x	x	Y	10 slots are reserved for specialists	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Geriatrics specialists can be accepted as a primary care physician. Facilities must prove 6 months of active recruitment in the 12 months prior to submitting a waiver application. Flex-5 applications are considered for remaining spots beginning April 1.	Jennell Prentice J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Office of Community and Rural Health P.O. Box 47834 Olympia, WA 98504-7834 Phone: 360-236-2814 Fax: 360-664-9273 J-1 Information Line: 360-236-2822 E-mail: jennell.prentice@doh.wa.gov	http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/R&R/j1.htm
WV	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Specialists are considered, but primary care is prioritized and the need for a specialist must be demonstrated .	Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full	Facilities must be pre-approved. Physicians must sign a minimum three-year contract. Facilities must supply semi-annual reports.	Monique Mahone, J1 coordinator, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Community and Rural Health Services, Division of Recruitment, 350 Capital Street, Room 515, Charleston WV 25301 Phone: 304-558-4382 Email: moniquemahon@wv.dhhr.org	http://www.wvochs.org/dr/j-1.aspx
WI	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Specialists must also have at least one (1) year of primary care residency and completed a related sub-specialty	Applications are accepted August 15 and evaluated on a rolling admission	The facility must sign a Applicant Physician Assurances sheet. Applications for Flex-5 spots will be considered as needed.	Joanne Herfel Primary Care Consultant Wisconsin Division of Public Health 1 West Wilson Street, Room 118 P.O. Box 2659 Madison, WI 53701-2659 Phone: 608-264-6528 or 608-267-3263 Fax: 608-261-6392 E-mail: herfejl@dhfs.state.wi.us	http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/dph_bcdh/p/j_1visa

WY	x	x	x	x	x	Y	no preference given to primary care	Year-round Rolling Review	Facility must document recruitment efforts over the past 3 years, including recruitment service agreements. Additionally, Facilities must be pre-approved before individual waiver applications may be made.	Doug Thiede Wyoming Department of Health Office of Rural Health Qwest Building Ste 510 6101 Yellowstone Road Cheyenne, WY 82002 Phone: 307-777-8651 Fax: 307-777-8545 Email: dthied@state.wy.us	http://wdh.state.wy.us/main/programs.asp
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