

Summary of Conrad State 30 Programs
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Almost all foreign medical graduates in J-1 status are subject to a requirement that they return to their home country at the completion of the training program for two years. Satisfaction or waiver of this requirement is necessary before moving from J visa status to most any other visa status. Therefore, in most cases a return to the home country for two years or a waiver of this requirement is necessary before a foreign doctor can obtain employment in the United States. See our [Foreign Medical Graduate Fact Sheet](#) and [J-1 Waiver Update for Foreign Medical Graduates](#).

J-1 waivers are sometimes available to foreign medical graduates who have an employment offer that is important to a state department of health, usually if the doctor is working in primary care in a medically underserved area in the state. This waiver option is called the State 30 Program, because it is limited to 30 foreign medical graduate waivers per state per year.

The following is a chart our law firm has compiled summarizing which states will sponsor foreign medical graduates for J-1 waivers, and under what conditions. Not all states participate in this program. We caution that states change their policies all the time and without warning. The following list is as current as the information provided by each state's web site so it is best to check with us for the latest information.

A list of abbreviations is at the end of this document.

State: Alabama

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, J-1 physicians who have started or completed fellowship or subspecialty training may apply for a primary care waiver under the state 30 waiver program, but they must practice *primary care* at least 40 hours per week in an approved primary care clinic or emergency department.

Notable Requirements: Will grant a waiver only if FMG attempted to use all other IGA waiver programs first; facility must have recruited at state medical schools; hospitals listed in the current Alabama State Rural Health Plan, and other Alabama employers located in non Metropolitan Statistical Areas, to submit sub-specialist applications beginning on the first work day of October each year, starting October 1, 2004. Other Alabama sub-specialist employers may submit applications beginning on the first Monday of the first full work week during the following January, through either the following September 30 or until all sub-specialist allocations have been used for that program year, whichever comes first. Any sub-specialty applications received after depletion of available sub-specialty allocations will be returned without action. Presently a maximum of 15 sub-specialty applications have been allocated per program year (October-September). No more than two (2) sub-specialty applications may be submitted for the same employer; contracts may not contain a restrictive non-compete clause which

prevents or discourages the physician from continuing to practice in area after the period of J-1 waiver service obligation has expired.

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State: Alaska

Practice Areas: Does not give primary care priority; all specialties and sub-specialties may apply.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes

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State: Arizona

Practice Areas: FP, GP, P, OB/GYN, GIM, PSY (in mental health HPSAs).

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, but primary care physicians or psychiatrists will fill at least 22 of the 30 available slots. Specialists have to show exceptional need for their specialty.

Notable Requirements: Preference will be given to physicians who speak Spanish or a language significantly represented in the designated practice site.

Application Review Time and Process: Applications accepted November 5 through beginning of January; if slots remain unfilled, applications post-marked on or before first business day in April will be processed.

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State: Arkansas

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, specialty placements will be accepted for consideration.

Application Review Time and Process: Applicant packets will be received during one of two designated time periods only: October 1 - December 31 or January 1 - March 31. Of those submitted during either time period, 15 will be accepted for forwarding to the DOS for a total of 30 for the year (15 for 12/31/03 close date and 15 for 3/31/04 close date). Placement slots not used from the first application period will be carried over to the second. Should open slots remain at the end of the second application period, that period will be extended until the slots are used.

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State: California

Practice Areas: GP, FP, OB/, IN, P, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: No, will not accept physicians with fellowship training or subspecialties.

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State: Colorado

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, specialty placements will be accepted for consideration based on community need. 91% of the slots are reserved for primary care.

Application Review Time and Process: Reviewed in order received until all 30 slots have been filled.

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State: Connecticut

Practice Areas: Does not define primary care.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, will consider all medical specialties and subspecialties based on need

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State: Delaware

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, fellowship experience permitted with documentation of need for the subspecialty in the service area.

Application Review Time and Process: Rolling application period, decisions usually made by early spring.

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State: District of Columbia

Practice Areas: GIM, OB/GYN, FM, P, PSY (in mental health HPSAs).

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, 5 slots will be held for physician specialists each year; must specialize in heart disease, cancer, cerebrovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, hypertension, or anesthesiology.

Notable Requirements: Applicant must demonstrate cultural competence of the racial and ethnic populations served by the proposed employer's facility; employer must provide two reports per year to the Primary Care Office until the three-year commitment is complete.

Application Review Time and Process: Deadline is first Monday in December; decisions will be made by February 15. Will accept applications after deadline, but no guarantees of slot.

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State: Florida

Practice Areas: FP, P, GIM, OB/GYN, PSY

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, fellowships permitted, however, physicians must serve their 3-year commitment providing primary care only. At least 50% of contracted hours must be in clinical primary care; the remainder may be in specialized care.

Notable Requirements: Priority is given to safety-net providers. For purposes of the program, safety-net providers are: county health departments, federally qualified health centers, community mental health centers, homeless clinics, and public hospital outpatient clinics.

It is expected that within one year of the J-1 physician placement, the facility's total patient visits should consist of at least 20% Medicaid and 10% discounted/sliding fee schedule; discounts must be offered to patients of all providers in the employing practice and not only to the patients of the J-1 physician.

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State: Georgia

Practice Areas: GIM, FP, P, OB/GYN, PSY (in mental health HPSAs).

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, 5 spots are reserved for physicians who completed a residency program or fellowship in any specialty; these physicians may practice their sub-specialty full-time. Additionally, 5 spots are reserved for physicians who completed a primary care residency (as defined above) and had fellowship training in any sub-specialty; these physicians must agree to practice part-time primary care and part-time in their sub-specialty. The remaining 20 spots are open only to physicians who completed a primary care residency; only fellowship training in geriatrics will be accepted under this category.

Notable Requirements: 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, or any other covenants that restrain 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 Georgia's State 30 program.
Application Review Time and Process: 6 to 8 weeks for complete application to be reviewed.

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Currently no program coordinator. Forward inquiries to Isiah Lineberry, copy Peggy McMillan

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State: Guam

Practice Areas: Does not define primary care.

Application Review Time and Process: Applicants sign a contract with a Guam-based clinic or physician, complete the initial State Department application process, and make a written request for a letter of support from the Department of Public Health and Social Services. There is no separate application.

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State: Hawaii

Practice Areas: GIM, FP, P, OB/GYN

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State: Idaho

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN, PSY

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State: Illinois

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN, combined medicine/pediatrics.

Fellowship Training Allowed: No, specialty trained physicians are not eligible, primary care only.

Notable Requirements: Facility must be urban as long as USDA is accepting applications from rural facilities; facilities in urban areas must be either nonprofit or public; only 2 waivers per facility; semiannual documentation that at least 75% of the patients served by the IMG come from the underserved population; all facilities must gain site approval before submitting individual applications.

Application Review Time and Process: Rolling review; 25% reserved for downstate urban facilities.

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State: Indiana

Practice Areas: FP, P, OB/GYN, GIM, PSY

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, all specialties may apply, but priority given to primary care physicians.

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State: Iowa

Practice Areas: FP, GP, GIM, OB/GYN, P, PSY (in mental health HPSAs).

Fellowship Training Allowed: Specialists or sub-specialists will fill 15 of the 30 Conrad slots available. The employer must demonstrate that the specialist services are essential to the medical needs of the underserved and report the percentage of Medicaid and Medicare patients.

Notable Requirements: Policy of Iowa Department of Public Health is to balance all available slots between rural and urban areas.

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State: Kansas

Practice Areas: GM, IM, FP, P, OB/GYN, Emergency Medicine, and PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, specialty requests are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Application Review Time and Process: The review cycle begins on October 1. After 30 case numbers are assigned, the remaining cases will be assigned a priority number and carried over to the next fiscal year for processing.

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State: Kentucky

Practice Areas: FP, GP, P, GIM, OB/GYN, P.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, program will support physicians in other specialties when exceptional statewide or regional need for the specialty is demonstrated.

Notable Requirements: Primary care physician ratio can be no lower than 2000 to 1, including National Health Service Corps and J-1 visa waiver physicians.

Application Review Time and Process: Must apply between 10/1 and 10/31 of fiscal year.

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State: Louisiana

Practice Areas: P, OB/GYN, GIM, FP.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, up to 20% of Conrad placements may be specialists, but dire need must be established, and no specialties may be practiced without contract approval of the appropriate waiver agency.

Notable Requirements: The employer must submit a written request for predetermination of eligibility for a J-1 waiver allocation *prior to or during* the recruitment of a physician. Priority is given to J-1 applicants who do their residency in Louisiana. Priority is also given to those agreeing to serve in areas of highest shortage, and those agreeing to serve for longer time periods. J-1 physician's salary must be at least 95% of prevailing wage for a level two physician.

Application Review Time and Process: Application must be received between July 1 and October 31.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: Maine

Practice Areas: Does not distinguish between primary care and non-primary care applications.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, physicians in all specialties and subspecialties are welcome to apply.

Notable Requirements: If HPSA is based on population group, FMG must specifically increase access for that group.

Application Review Time and Process: Each case is reviewed 30 days within receipt of application; rolling from 10/1 to 9/30. After all slots are assigned, remaining cases are carried over to the next fiscal year.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: Maryland

Practice Areas: FP, P, PSY

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, but only fellowship training in geriatrics is acceptable.

Notable Requirements: Practice site must announce vacancy in all medical schools in state; site must have been in business for at least 6 months.

Application Review Time and Process: Rolling monthly review for applications.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: Massachusetts

Practice Areas: IM, FP, P, OB/GYN, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, subspecialty practice permitted, although focus remains on primary care.

Notable Requirements: Preference given to physicians whose primary language is significantly represented in the proposed practice community;

Application Review Time and Process: Rolling review starting in September.

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State: Michigan

Practice Areas: GIM, FP, OB/GYN, P, PSY, non primary care specialists willing to work in state facilities.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, specialists may apply, but will not be selected if there are enough primary care physicians and psychiatrists to fill the 30 available slots.

Notable Requirements: \$900 fee must be submitted with each application; \$800 will be refunded if waiver is not recommended. To order an official application and information packet write: Michigan Health Council, J-1 Visa Waiver Staff, 2410 Woodlake Drive, Okemos, Michigan 48864. Must provide full name, address, specialty and graduations date (non-refundable fee of \$50 to be included with request)

Application Review Time and Process: Applications accepted in early August. Primary Care physician applicants selected according to HPSA score, with priority going to those physicians willing to work in the most severe HPSAs in Michigan. Priority will be given to specific employment sites designated by Michigan to be priority agencies. This includes priority over primary care physicians working in HPSA areas.

Psychiatrists will be given equal priority to primary care physicians, but a cap of five psychiatrists per year will be selected. Lottery numbers will continue to be assigned to all applicants in the event that competing primary care, psychiatrist, or specialist applications have identical HPSA scores and worksite priority criteria.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: Minnesota

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN, PSY (in mental health HPSAs).

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, but additional comprehensive documentation required.

Notable Requirements: Facility must not facilitate FMG's acquisition of LPR status until FMG has been there for 2 years. No more than four specialty applications accepted before July 1. After July 1 all qualified applications are accepted.

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State: Mississippi

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, GP, OB/GYN, PSY

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, but separate and unique guidelines for specialists.

Notable Requirements: Must submit site predetermination application before applications for individuals are made; \$250 non-refundable fee waiver processing fee plus a \$250 Department of State mandated user processing fee; recommended 4-year contract; must provide evidence of 6 months national and regional recruitment efforts, including print advertising and at least 4 certified letters to medical schools; must give priority to physicians other than J-1 physicians (such as H-1B) who apply to the waiver job and are qualified.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: Missouri

Practice Areas: FP, GP, P, OB/GYN, PSY. ER eligible where substantial amount of primary care services are delivered in that setting.

Fellowship Training Allowed?: Yes. The number of specialty placements in any given program year will be determined by the quantifiable need for health care services in the state as a whole and the identified placement community. Employer and physicians in the area must demonstrate that the specialty is essential to the medical needs of the underserved.

Notable Requirements: Employers must complete a pre-certification form to establish participation eligibility. Three years of service are required.

Application Review Time and Process: Applications accepted July 1 through September 30.

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State: Montana

Practice Areas: No Program. J-1 waiver requests in Montana have been sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture. May contact state for other J-1 waiver information or assistance.

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State: Nebraska

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes. Nebraska will consider every applicant that a site can demonstrate is in the State's interest

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State: Nevada

Practice Areas: FP, GP, P, GIM, OB/GYN, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, will consider physicians who have completed a fellowship in geriatrics for a waiver under this program. Physicians who have completed a fellowship in another specialty may apply to for a waiver to work as a primary care provider if they have completed a residency in one of the primary care categories named.

Notable Requirements: Five (5) of the thirty (30) available slots should be held in reserve to meet emergency staffing needs at the discretion of the Health Division. There is a three (3) waiver maximum for any single clinic.

Application Review Time and Process: Applications accepted December 1 through January 31.

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State: New Hampshire

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN, or specialties that support the New Hampshire primary care system, such as dentistry, geriatrics, general surgery, general radiology, or PSY

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, specialists accepted depending on need of primary care providers in community

Notable Requirements: Facility must not help facilitate LPR status for 2 years.

Application Deadline: Accepts applications throughout the year.

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State: New Jersey

Practice Areas: FP, OB/GYN, P, GIM, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, may apply under exceptional circumstances, but generally not eligible.

Notable Requirements: 4 year minimum contract, 3 letters of recommendation must not be more than 3 years old. Reviewing possibility of giving State 30 waivers to physicians working in MUAs as well as HPSAs.

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State: New Mexico

Practice Areas: FP, FP with OB, virtually no IM positions

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State: New York

Practice Areas: GIM, FP, P.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, fellowship training is allowed in that physicians with additional specialty medical training are not precluded from program participation. Applicants proposing to practice in medical specialties or underserved areas besides HPSAs will be considered based on documentation substantiating need for the physician in the area where the practice is proposed and continued authorization from applicable federal agencies permitting the inclusion of non-primary care physicians in the program.

Application Review Time and Process: Must be postmarked by late March.

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State: North Carolina

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN

Fellowship Training Allowed?: No

Notable Requirements: 4 year minimum contract; will not sponsor physicians on a case-by-case basis; minimum 550 score on TOEFL or 213 on CBT, 50 on TSE-P; must be community with population less than 20,000.

Application Review Time and Process: FMG must enroll with a sufficient number of managed care organizations that serve at least 51% of TennCare enrolled population in practice county; rolling applications due 1/15, 4/15, 7/15 and 10/15.

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State: North Dakota

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, PSY, general surgery.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Only in extreme circumstances

Application Review Time and Process: After thirty slots are filled, remaining cases are assigned a priority number and carried over to the next fiscal year.

Special Requirements: The facility must not assist the physician in obtaining permanent residence until they have been employed in accordance with waiver regulations for three years. The facility must also provide semi-annual reports to the Department to ensure compliance with the three-year service requirement.

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State: Ohio

Practice Areas: OB/GYN, FP, P, GIM, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed?: Yes, however there are limitations on the number of specialists that can be approved, depending on the time of year.

Notable Requirements: Will not sponsor physicians on case-by-case basis; before submitting waiver applications, each facility first must be approved by state as an eligible site for placement of an FMG.

Application Review Time and Process: Facilities wishing to sponsor J-1 Visa waiver physician must submit the Facility Request for J-1 Placement Form with supporting documents between September 1 and October 15.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: Oklahoma

Practice Areas: IM, FP, P, OB/GYN, PSY (in mental health HPSAs).

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, fellowship trained specialists are occasionally accepted, but letter from facility and additional documentation must be provided to show the appropriateness of the placement before a full application is submitted.

Notable Requirements: Program open on limited basis. PSY specialists are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and, if accepted, are in addition to the five primary care slots. No non-compete clauses can be in the contract. A minimum of six months of recruitment must be documented.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: Oregon

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN, PSY. Priority is given to FP and PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, six (6) of the thirty (30) available slots are reserved for specialists, the remaining twenty-four (24) slots are reserved for primary care, as defined above.

Application Review Time and Process: \$2000 fee required; 2-3 week application processing period.

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State: Pennsylvania

Practice Areas: FP, P, OB/GYN, GIM, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed?: Subspecialties may be considered based on need, but primary care physicians are given priority.

Notable Requirements: Site must be approved before individual J-1 waiver applications may be submitted.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: Rhode Island

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, Pediatric Neurology, OB/GYN, Anesthesiology, Pain Management, Child PSY, PSY (in mental health HPSAs)

Notable Requirements: Priority given to: Spanish speaking English proficient physicians in primary care; those employed by community health centers, community

mental health centers and state agencies; physicians in primary care in general; anesthesiologists, especially those who have experience caring for underserved populations; and physicians recruited for teaching and clinical roles through Brown University

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Date revised: 10/04

State: South Carolina

Practice Areas: FP, P, GIM, OB/GYN, PSY

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, all specialties and subspecialties may apply.

Notable Requirements: Must submit proof of unsuccessful recruitment efforts; IMG must have South Carolina license or proof of eligibility.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: South Dakota

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, primary care and all specialties are eligible

Notable Requirements: No non-compete clause in contract; annual reports from facility are required; program fee of \$200.

Application Review Time and Process: Rolling review.

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State: Tennessee

Practice Areas: FP, P, OB/GYN, GIM.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, specialists in any of over 35 medical specialties are eligible to apply; 30% of slots are available to physician specialists.

Notable Requirements: Placement of primary care physicians only in rural areas of the state; placement of physician specialists will be in association with hospitals.

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State: Texas

Practice Areas: GIM, GP, FP, P, OB/GYN, PSY (in mental health HPSAs or MUAs)

Fellowship Training Allowed: Specialists considered with additional evidence documenting need.

Application Review Time and Process: Applications accepted September 1; those received before this date will be returned; first 30 complete and eligible applications received will be considered for recommendation; \$2,000 fee for all those granted a waiver.

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State: Utah

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, OB/GYN, P.

Notable Requirements: Davis, Salt Lake, and Weber counties have "partial" county designations. You will need to contact the Utah Bureau of Primary Care and Rural

Health Systems office to see if an employment site is located in a "primary care" health professional shortage area (HPSA).

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State: Vermont

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, all specialists and primary care physicians may apply.

Notable Requirements: Before employment offer is made, Vermont Department of Health must be notified; 4-year minimum contract required; if exception requested, facility must explain before job offer is made. (There are no HPSAs in VT, and only 3 hospitals that are located in MUAs: North Country, NE Vermont and Copley)

Application Review Time and Process: Rolling application process.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: Virginia

Practice Areas: GIM, FP, P, OB/GYN, PSY (when community need is demonstrated.)

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, primary care is given priority, but if facility is a multi-specialty practice group, then FMG with non-primary care specialties or fellowships are eligible. Extreme need must be documented.

Notable Requirements: No non-compete clauses allowed

Application Review Time and Process: Processing time is generally 90 days.

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State: Washington

Practice Areas: FP, OB/GYN, GIM, P, Geriatric Medicine, and PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed?: Yes, 25% of waivers devoted to the following subspecialties: Anesthesiology, General Surgery, Otolaryngology (ENT), Radiology-Diagnostic, Urology and subspecialties in Internal Medicine or Family Practice. 75% devoted to Primary Care as defined above; Facility must demonstrate 6 months of active recruitment in 12 months prior to waiver application.

Application Review Time and Process: Applications accepted beginning 10/1 as long as waivers are available. Review takes 2-3 weeks.

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State: West Virginia

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, specialists and sub-specialists are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Application Review Time and Process: Sponsor has to get site application approval before individual physicians may apply. Four year contract required. Facility must provide semiannual reports.

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State: Wisconsin

Practice Areas: FP, GIM, P, OB/GYN, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, limited exception for individuals who have been specialty trained as long as they have one year primary care residency and completed a related subspecialty residency.

Notable Requirements: Facility must sign an Applicant Physician Assurances sheet.

Application Review Time and Process: Applications accepted beginning August 15; rolling review; 14 working days.

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Date revised: 10/04

State: Wyoming

Practice Areas: GIM, FP, P, OB/GYN, PSY.

Fellowship Training Allowed: Yes, all specialties and subspecialties are welcome to apply; no preference is given to primary care physicians.

Notable Requirements: Facility must document recruitment efforts over the past 2 years, including recruitment service agreements; Facility approval required before individual waiver applications may be made.

Application Review Time and Process: Rolling application period.

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Abbreviations:

ARC: Appalachian Regional Commission
DOS: Department of State
ER: emergency room
FMG: foreign medical graduate
FP: family practice
FY: fiscal year
GIM: general internal medicine
GP: general practice
HPSA: health physician shortage area
IGA: interested government agency
IM: internal medicine
IMG: international medical graduate
LPR: lawful permanent resident
MHPSA: mental health physician shortage area
MUA: medically underserved area
OB/GYN: obstetrics/gynecology
OD: optometry
P: pediatrics
PSY: psychiatry
TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language
USDA: U.S. Department of Agriculture

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