

STATE BY STATE SUMMARY OF THE CONRAD STATE 30 PROGRAM

Alabama

Practice Areas: Family, General, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Psych, Internal Med

Specialists: Yes; up to 15 specialists may be awarded waivers once all primary care needs are met.

Application Review: 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.

Notes: 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 must incorporate all the terms and conditions of the Alabama Waiver Program. Alabama Department of Public Health's roles are to establish policies and procedures in coordination with appropriate health authorities, review and processing of waiver applications and monitoring compliance with the program.

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Arkansas

Practice Areas: Family, General, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, General Internal, Psych

Specialists: Yes; Specialists are selected if they can demonstrate need for their services.

Application Review: Applications are received and processed as received throughout the year.

Notes: Arkansas does use the Flex-5 spots. Facility must have been in operation for at least six months.

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Illinois

Practice Areas: Family, General Internal, General Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Combined Medicine/Pediatrics, Psychiatry

Specialists: Yes; they must be located in urban areas and either non-profit or public

Application Review: We take applications the month of October then again in the month of January if we haven't filled program from October applications.

Notes: 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.

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Kentucky

Practice Areas: Family, General Practice, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Ob/Gyn, Psychiatry

Specialists: Yes; Employer's must demonstrate a state or regional need for the specialist services

Application Review: 10/1-10/31

Notes: The population to primary care physician ratio can be no lower than 2000 to 1.

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Louisiana

Practice Areas: Primary Care (pediatrics, ob/gyn, internal medicine, family practice, general practice geriatrics, and psychiatry)

Specialists: Yes; up to 20% of the waivers (6 slots) may go to specialists until April 1 at that time completed applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis regardless of physician specialty. All specialty applications must demonstrate a "dire need" for the specialty in order to obtain support for the physician's waiver request.

Application Review: Rolling Review based on applications received 10/1 until full

Notes: 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 applicants for a facility not in a HPSA so long as 30% or more of the patients served are residents of the HPSA or it's within a 30 minute drive of at least one HPSA. J1 physician's salary must be equal to at least 100% of the Level 2 of the prevailing wage found on the U.S. Dept. of Labor Wage Search on the DOL web page.

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Mississippi

Practice Areas: Family, internal, pediatrics, OB/GYN, Psych

Specialists: Yes; Specialist applications will be considered but must supply comprehensive additional documentation and a separate application.

Application Review: Applications accepted any time on a rolling review basis.

Notes: 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.

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Missouri

Practice Areas: Family Practice, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN and Psychiatry Specialists are prioritized. Primary care is prioritized.

Specialists: Yes; applications will be considered but must supply comprehensive additional documentation.

Application Review: Applications are accepted each year from October 1 through September 30 of the following year, until all 30 slots are filled. Employers must complete and submit an [Employment Data Sheet](#) form with the application package to establish participation eligibility. Download the [Application Checklist](#).

The Missouri J-1 Visa/State 30 Program utilizes data from the licensing agencies in the state and health outcomes data to determine placements of the program participants. For more details, download the [Program Information](#).

Click here for descriptions and rules set forth by the State of Missouri for the [J-1 Visa Waiver rules](#) (PDF File format).

Notes: 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.

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Tennessee

Practice Areas: Family Practice, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN and Psychiatry

Specialists: Tennessee lists 35 accepted specialties, though other specialists may apply if there is a demonstrated need for their services.

Application Review: 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.

Notes: All primary care providers must be placed in rural areas, while all specialists must have hospital associations. Only 1 specialist per hospital is allowed to be on J1 Status before April 1. Flex spots are delegated selectively. Applications must arrive by certified mail from the sponsoring employer on behalf of the physician.

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