



## Conrad 30 (J-1 Visa Waiver) Program

The Conrad 30 (J-1 Visa Waiver) Program allows qualified foreign-born physicians to practice in the United States and provide essential healthcare services in underserved areas of the nation. The program aims to address provider shortages to improve access to care.

Every year under the J-1 Visa Waiver Program Maryland receives 30 J-1 Visa Waiver slots for primary care and specialty physicians. Within these 30 slots, up to 10 can be outside of Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) or Medically Underserved Populations (MUPs), considered FLEX spots.



### Program Objective

Dedicated health care providers work to meet the varied health care needs of Marylanders every day, but health care workforce shortages persist. The objective of the Maryland J-1 Visa Waiver Program is to help recruit additional physicians to the primary care and specialty physician workforce. The Maryland Department of Health reviews applications and makes recommendations to the U.S. Department of State for foreign-born physicians requesting waivers from their J-1 Visas. The waiver is granted in exchange for the physician's agreement to work in an underserved area for three years.

Applications are accepted from October 1 through December 1 for primary care and specialist physicians practicing in Flex and Non-Flex locations. Those working in HPSAs, MUA/ MUPs, primary care, are prioritized.

### Maryland gives preference to applications from:

- ◆ Medical practices in underserved communities;
- ◆ Medical practices that have a demonstrated historic commitment to serving underserved populations;
- ◆ Medical practices that have had difficulty recruiting physicians; and
- ◆ Rural areas.

### For More Information on the Program:

<https://health.maryland.gov/pophealth/Pages/J-1-Visa-Waiver-Program.aspx>



### To view the application materials to prepare for the next application cycle:

<https://health.maryland.gov/pophealth/Pages/J-1-Visa-Waiver-Application.aspx>



### For more information:

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