



SUBJECT: J-1 Visa Waiver Program and Primary Care Vacancies in PA

The Department of Health works with health care organizations that are unable to recruit a U.S. citizen and can document mandatory recruitment efforts within the past six months from contact with our office. Mandatory recruitment efforts include at least one national advertisement and letters to all PA residency programs for the specialty they are seeking. We generally work with organizations when the physician is within six months of completing their residency program.

Please visit our web site at www.health.state.pa.us. Click on Health Planning and Assessment/Primary Care Practice Opportunities/View and Download Forms/Additional links.

- View and download forms - You can download fact sheets regarding our J-1 Waiver Programs.
- Additional links - You can click on Pennsylvania Forum for Primary Health Care for primary care vacancies and a list of Community Health Centers in PA which you can contact.
- Additional links - Refer to the web site for Health Resources & Services Adm. where you can view the Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). Click on Overview & Program/Bureau of Primary Health Care/Databases.
- You can obtain a list of health facilities by clicking on health planning and assessment/health statistics/health facilities/hospital and ambulatory surgery center directory.
- For additional information regarding waivers visit the US Department of State's website: <http://travel.state.gov/jvw.html>

Note: Physicians with sub-specialties are not eligible for primary care vacancies in PA.