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## Kentucky J-1 Visa Waiver Application: Order of Priority

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED: October 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>**

APPLICATIONS WILL BE EVALUATED USING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

**1**

**PRIMARY CARE.** Applicants who will practice family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, medical/pediatrics or pediatrics, psychiatry.

**2**

**HPSA/MUA SCORE.** Subspecialty applications (including hospitalists) will be ordered by the HPSA Score or MUA score. If the facility is located in both a HPSA and MUA, the HPSA score will be used for prioritization.

**3**

**GEOGRAPHIC RATIO.** If HPSA and/or MUA scores do not determine a priority, geographic ratio will be used, which is the number of individuals in the target population for every one full-time equivalent (FTE) primary care physician as a ratio (i.e., number of patients: one FTE primary care physician).

**4**

**FLEX WAIVERS.** Up to 10 “Flex waivers” for applicants at facilities *not* located in HPSAs or MUA/Ps. To qualify for a flex, the facility’s patient population must be at least 30% Medicaid-insured or a minimum of 45% publicly insured and/or charged reduced fees according to an established “Sliding Scale Fee Policy.”

**5**

**APPLICATION DATE.** If any slots are available after the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, applications will be accepted until July 30<sup>th</sup> or until all waivers have been awarded, whichever comes first. After the October 31<sup>st</sup> application deadline, priority will be given based on order of receipt.

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**KENTUCKY ORGANIZATIONS.** Kentucky-based or headquartered host organizations may be given priority at the discretion of the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

Other J-1 physician visa waiver programs exist in Kentucky in addition to the Conrad-30 program:

- **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)**
  - **Eligible Counties:** Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Greenup, Harlan, Hart, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, McCreary, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe
- **Delta Regional Authority (DRA)**
  - **Eligible Counties:** Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Todd, Trigg, Union, and Webster.
- **Health and Human Services (HHS)**

More can be learned about these programs by visiting their respective websites. Any application that qualifies for consideration under these other programs may be submitted under that program in lieu of the Conrad-30 program.

*\*The Kentucky Department for Public Health J-1 Visa Waiver Program is completely voluntary and discretionary and may be modified at any time. The submission of a completed application does not ensure that the Kentucky Department for Public Health will recommend a waiver. 4/12/2019*