



J-1 Visa Waiver Program

Compliance Guidelines

The Delta Regional Authority will administer compliance of the J-1 Visa Waiver Program in three steps:

1. The administrator of the facility and the physician will sign and return the “Physician Employment Verification Form”, within the first week that the physician begins work. Include copies of documentation that physician is in H-1B status including approval notices from USCIS, the physician's I-94 forms and a copy of the H-1B visa stamp from the physician's passport if the physician has already been granted an H-1B visa. If the physician was not licensed in the state of practice at the time the application for the waiver was submitted, a copy of the physician’s state medical license must be included with this form.
2. The Physician Compliance Survey (Employer) is due January 15th of each year. The reporting period for this survey is January 1st through December 31st of the prior year. The survey will ask confidential questions. This survey also requests the number of Medicare, Medicaid, and indigent patients that the facility and the physician has treated in that twelve-month period, and whether the physician has complied with the terms of the DRA J-1 Visa Waiver Program.

The DRA has established a formal deadline for this survey. If the survey is not returned on January 15th, the DRA will notify the employer that the survey should be returned within an extension period of 15 business days. If the survey is not returned within the extension period and if the employer has made no effort or attempt to comply with DRA Compliance Guidelines, DRA will notify the appropriate agencies that compliance efforts were unsuccessful and recommend the taking of appropriate enforcement actions.

3. The Physician Compliance Closing Survey and Completion Request Form must be submitted within 15 business days following the completion of the physician’s three-year service obligation.

The DRA has established a formal deadline for the Physician Compliance Closing Survey and the Completion Request Form. If the Physician Compliance Closing Survey and Completion Request Forms are not received, the DRA will not prepare a Program Completion Letter and will notify the appropriate agencies that compliance efforts were unsuccessful and recommend the taking of appropriate enforcement actions.

4. The DRA or an agent representing the DRA will conduct unannounced site visits at random during the three-year employment period. If the physician or employer is found to be out of compliance, the DRA will immediately notify the appropriate agencies and recommend the taking of appropriate enforcement actions.

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