

MICHIGAN CONRAD 30 J-1 VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
FY 2018 APPLICATION CYCLE

Begin the Application Process

- Applications will become available after June 1st 2017 on the MDHHS website at http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_47635---,00.html
- Download Application Guidelines and Checklist
- Applications will be accepted from September 1, 2017 until November 1, 2017
- Postings for positions eligible for J-1 Visa Waiver sponsorship in Michigan:
 - **Medical Opportunities in Michigan**
 - <https://michigan.medopps.org/>
 - **National Rural Recruitment & Retention Network**
 - <https://www.3rnet.org/locations/michigan>

What has changed?

- Elimination of the \$1400 application fee
- The application will be posted to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) website and the original and one copy should be returned to MDHHS
- All questions should be directed to Brittany Brookshire at MDHHS: 517-284-4986 or BrookshireB1@Michigan.gov

Program Preference/Priority Criteria

- **Primary Care Providers:**

- Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Psychiatry

- **Safety Net Providers:**

- County Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Free Clinics, Critical Access Hospitals and Associated Clinics, State Correction and Psychiatric Facilities and Certified Rural Health Clinics

- **Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas/Populations:**

- Visit the HRSA Data Warehouse site at:
<https://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/tools/analyzers/geo/ShortageArea.aspx> to determine whether your site is a designated worksite.

Hospitalists and Specialist

- Hospitalist/Specialist must fill out a form which demonstrates the physician specialty is needed. Please address one of the following need criteria:
 1. To address a major health problem in the work site service area.
 2. To address population-to-physician ratio because the current ratio does not meet national standards.
 3. To meet state or federal health care facility regulation, for example to maintain the hospital trauma designation level.
- Note: there is a 300 word maximum for each response
 - Reference p. 3 in the guidelines

Non-HPSA and MUA/P (FLEX)

- Physicians who will be working at facilities located in a non-HPSA and MUA/P must demonstrate a need by addressing all of the following:
 1. Provide a summary of data describing a minimum of 30% of the employer's current patient base resides in a neighboring HSPA or MUA/P.
 2. Provide a summary of data the facility serves a disproportionate share of Medicaid beneficiaries, uninsured and/or underinsured recipients.
 3. If this service is not available in the community, identify the nearest location where this service can be obtained.

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Additional Documentation

Be sure to include in your application packet:

- Print out report of HPSA and/or MUA/P designated area for each worksite location.
 - Go to the HRSA website at <https://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/tools/analyzers/geo/ShortageArea.aspx> to search shortage areas by address.
- Print out report of urban and rural designation worksite locations.
 - Go to the Rural Health Information Hub at <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural> to determine if worksite location is urban or rural.
 - For Certified Rural Health Clinics (CHRC), Contact Rachel Ruddock, Michigan Center for Rural Health at 517-335-7758 or Rachel.Ruddock@hc.msu.edu to obtain written verification that the worksite is a CRHC and include documentation in application packet.

Determination of Recommendations

- Priority is given to applicants who meet the program preference/priority criteria
- Specialist and Hospitalist applications which demonstrate a defined need for their services and who meet program goals are then selected.
- Remaining slots are filled with applications that most closely meet the program's goals.

Sponsorship determinations are based on priority criteria and merit and are not approved on a 'first come, first serve' basis

General Timeline for Conrad 30 Program

Spring /Summer 2017

Spring/Summer 2018

J-1
Candidates
2018 (grads)
begin
interviewing
and secure
an
employment
contract

Applications
become
available for
FY 18 Waiver
Cycle

Employers, J-
1 physicians
and (possibly
attorney)
complete
Conrad 30
application
packet

Packets are
submitted to
Michigan
Department of
Health and
Human
Services for
sponsorship
determinations

Sponsored
applications
are
forwarded to
the Feds
(USDOS) for
review and
approval

USDOS
forwards
approved
applications
to USCIS for
final
approval

USCIS grants
waiver and
notifies
applicant

J-1
candidate
completes
training
program and
begins work
with
approved
employer



Reminders

- Begin searching for medical opportunities for J-1 Visa Waiver sponsorship as early as possible
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Questions

Contact

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

with any question or concerns

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