

## Interested Government Agencies

This list is intended to show the most common agencies utilized by IMG physicians for sponsorship, in order to obtain a J-1 Visa Waiver for continual employment in the United States:

1. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
  - <http://www.hhs.gov/>
2. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
  - <http://www.va.gov/>
3. Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
  - <http://www.arc.gov/index.jsp>
4. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
  - <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>
5. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
  - <http://www.hud.gov/>
6. State Departments of Public Health:
  - Ohio: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/chss/visa/visa1.aspx>
  - Kentucky: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/ach/primarycare.htm>
  - Indiana: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/>
    - This is done through the Conrad-30 program: State departments are able to sponsor up to 30 J-1 Visa physicians each year. The physician receives a waiver in exchange for a commitment to provide care in a medically underserved area where there are physician shortages.
      - Many of these physicians practice primary care medicine, however one can obtain a waiver to practice in a specialty if it can be proven that there is a shortage in that specialty for the specific area.
      - Of the 30 physicians, 5 are eligible to practice in areas that are not medically underserved, as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services.
      - Physicians who receive these waivers are eligible to apply for an immigrant visa.

### **Additional contact information:**

#### Indiana

Indiana participates in the State 30 program with a focus on primary health care. Limited specialist positions are available. For program information contact: Sarah Renner Indiana State Department of Health [srenner@isdh.IN.gov](mailto:srenner@isdh.IN.gov)

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