



Technical Bulletin

Division of Public and Behavioral Health



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Topic: Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Statutory and Regulatory Updates

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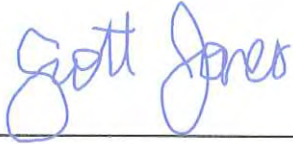
To: Health Facilities Administrators and known stakeholders

This technical bulletin addresses how the Division will implement statutory and regulatory changes for the Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program.

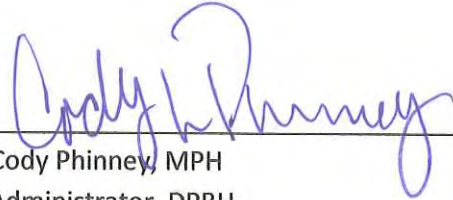
Changes made to [Nevada Administrative Code \(NAC\) Chapter 439A](#) and [Nevada Revised Statutes \(NRS\) Chapter 439A](#) with the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 39 from the 2015 Legislative Session increase the maximum amount of the application fee from \$500 to \$2000 based on whether the: (1) physician is a primary care provider or a specialist; (2) employer of the physician is a health facility or a third-party contractor; and (3) area in which the physician will work is a designated health professional shortage area. These increased fees help the Division to cover program costs. Additionally, there are revisions to provisions relating to the refund of these application fees in certain circumstances and to the meeting requirements and administration of the Primary Care Advisory Council.

- **Effective June 28, 2016, the application fees for a letter of support from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health are as follows:**
 - (a) For a primary care provider employed by a health facility in a designated health professional shortage area: \$500
 - (b) For a primary care provider employed by a health facility in a flex slot: \$800
 - (c) For a primary care provider employed by a third-party contractor in a designated health professional shortage area: \$1,100
 - (d) For a primary care provider employed by a third-party contractor in a flex slot: \$1,400
 - (e) For a specialist employed by a health facility in a designated health professional shortage area: \$800
 - (f) For a specialist employed by a health facility in a flex slot: \$1,100
 - (g) For a specialist employed by a third-party contractor in a designated health professional shortage area: \$1,100
 - (h) For a specialist employed by a third-party contractor in a flex slot: \$1,400
- **The application fee will not be refunded if the Administrator does not issue a letter of support for the applicant, but the Administrator may refund:**
 - (a) One-half of the application fee paid by the J-1 visa physician and one-half of the application fee paid by the employer if the application is withdrawn before the Administrator has made a determination whether to issue a letter of support; or
 - (b) All of the application fee paid by the J-1 visa physician and the employer if, at the time the application is received by the Division, all the available spots for enrollment of J-1 visa physicians in the Program have been filled for that fiscal year.

- **Various Primary Care Advisory Council provisions were updated including the ability of members to designate an alternate for meeting attendance, an annual Council meeting requirement and biennial Chair appointment requirement.**
- **The Nevada J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Application Instructions which include program policies were updated to reflect statutory and regulatory revisions as well as multiple housekeeping items.**
- **The official website for the Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program is <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Conrad30/Conrad30-Home/>.**



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