

## Appendix D: Specialist Physician Waiver

### Idaho Conrad J-1 Visa Waiver Program

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Qualifying Idaho healthcare facilities submitting a J-1 Visa Waiver application for a specialist physician must demonstrate a need for that physician specialty. Per 39-6105 of Idaho Statute, specialist physician means a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy in any specialty or subspecialty other than pediatrics, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, general surgery or psychiatry. Please refer to Title 39, Chapter 61 of Idaho Statute or [ruralhealth.dhw.idaho.gov](http://ruralhealth.dhw.idaho.gov) for additional information.

From October 1 through September 30 (federal fiscal year), the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare may grant no more than 10 specialist physician waiver requests for qualifying Idaho healthcare facilities located in federally designated shortage areas. If any waiver slots remain unfilled on April 1, no more than 10 Flex Waiver slots will become available to qualifying Idaho healthcare facilities not located in federally designated shortage areas. No more than 5 of the 10 Flex Waiver slots can go to specialist physicians. Applications for specialist physicians submitted by qualifying Idaho healthcare facilities with a proposed practice location not located in a federally designated shortage area must meet additional requirements outlined in *Appendix E: Flex Waiver*.

J-1 physician information	
Name:	Physician Specialty:

**Please include a letter from the qualifying Idaho healthcare facility supporting the need for a specialist physician waiver, immediately after a signed copy of this Appendix, in the order specified by the *Application Checklist*.**

#### The letter must:

- Be on the applicant's letterhead and signed by the president/CEO of the qualifying Idaho healthcare facility;
- Identify the J-1 physician by name;
- Describe how the demand for the specialty has been handled in the past and describe why current practices for referring patients to the type of specialist being sought are no longer sufficient;
- Demonstrate, using data, that there is a shortage of physicians able to provide services in the medical specialty being sought for the patients who will be served by the petitioning J-1 physician; and
- Describe how this specialty will link to primary care services in the area.

I hereby acknowledge that all information and statements contained herein are true and do not misrepresent fact. I further acknowledge that I have not evaded or suppressed any information contained in this application or in any of the supporting materials.

President/CEO  
Signature

Date

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If you have questions about this Appendix, please contact the Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care by phone at 208-334-0669 or by email [ruralhealth@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:ruralhealth@dhw.idaho.gov).



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