



## **J-1 Visa Waiver Program**

### **National Interest Waiver Letter of Support Requirements**

Each national interest waiver packet must contain the items listed within the DRA checklist.

If documentation required in the checklist is omitted or does not meet the "Delta Doctors" Program Guidelines, the application will be mailed back to the attorney and will be placed in the back of the current applications that are in the DRA queue for review. The DRA checklist should be completed and included in the J-1 visa waiver application to the Authority.

- Send the original application and one copy directly to Delta Regional Authority.
- Place the U.S. Department of State Case Number on all pages.
- Tab the application by the numbers listed below in the following order.

DRA will make a decision on issuing a support letter upon receipt and review of the following:

**Documents required for NIW support letter requested in conjunction with a J-1 waiver:**

1. An executed employment contract between the physician and his/her employer, which commits the physician to five years of service in a DRA underserved county or parish.
2. A statement from the physician's employer committing support for the physician's NIW, which should be in the Employer Cover Letter.
3. A short testimonial from the physician expressing his/her reason for pursuing an NIW, which should be expressed in the physician statement.
4. A letter of opinion from a legal counsel stating "to the best of their knowledge, the information in the application is truthful, and that he/she believes the applicant is eligible for a NIW"; this should be stated in the original letter of opinion.

Documents required for NIW support letter requested after waiver has been granted:

1. An executed employment contract between the physician and his/her employer which commits the physician to two or more additional years of service in a DRA underserved county or parish. Self-employed physicians must present an affidavit committing him/her to two or more additional years of service.
2. A statement from the physician's employer committing support for the physician's NIW.
3. A short testimonial from the physician expressing his/her reason for pursuing an NIW.
4. A letter of opinion from a legal counsel stating "to the best of their knowledge the information in the application is truthful, and that he/she believes the applicant is eligible for a NIW."
5. Copies of diplomas, licenses, board certifications, and USMLE scores.
6. A copy of the physician's complete passport, I-129 Immigrant petition, H-1B approval notices and I-94.
7. A copy of Form G-28