



J-1 Visa Waiver Program

Compliance Guidelines

The Delta Regional Authority will administer compliance of the J-1 Visa Waiver Program in three steps:

1. The administrator of the facility and the physician will sign and return the “Physician Employment Verification Form”, within the first week that the physician begins work. Include copies of documentation that physician is in H-1B status including approval notices from USCIS, the physician's I-94 forms and a copy of the H-1B visa stamp from the physician's passport if the physician has already been granted an H-1B visa. If the physician was not licensed in the state of practice at the time the application for the waiver was submitted, a copy of the physician’s state medical license must be included with this form.
2. Compliance Surveys are due on June 30th and December 31st of each year. The surveys will be completed and returned separately to the DRA by both the J-1 physician and the administrator of the facility. The surveys are not identical and will ask confidential questions to both the J-1 physician and the administrator. This survey also requests the number of Medicare, Medicaid, and indigent patients that the facility and the physician has treated in that six-month period, and whether both parties have otherwise complied with the terms of the DRA J-1 Visa Waiver Program.

The DRA has established formal deadlines for these surveys. Both surveys should be returned to the DRA within 15 business days from the due date. If both surveys are not returned within the initial 15 business days, the DRA will notify the employer that the survey(s) should be returned within an extension period of 15 business days. If the surveys are not returned within the extension period and if the employer has made no effort or attempt to comply with DRA Compliance Guidelines, DRA will notify the appropriate agencies that compliance efforts were unsuccessful and recommend the taking of appropriate enforcement actions.

3. The DRA or an agent representing the DRA will conduct unannounced site visits at random during the three-year employment period. If the physician or employer is found to be out of compliance, the DRA will immediately notify the appropriate agencies and recommend the taking of appropriate enforcement actions.