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J-1 PHYSICIAN WAIVERS IN PENNSYLVANIA: CHANGE IN PROCESSING TIMES

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On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced that it has changed the Pennsylvania rules regarding the J-1 Physician Waiver Program. DOH has established **three filing periods, that could result in the Conrad 30 numbers being assigned earlier in the fiscal year.**

With this in mind, if you are in need of an additional physician, and believe there is a chance that you may end up offering employment to a foreign national physician who is in need of a J-1 Waiver, it is best to conduct your recruitment with the DOH's waiver processing dates in mind. Below is a summary from DOH:

REVISED – Pennsylvania State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Policy & Application Review Schedule

The policy and application review schedule for State Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program has been revised. Details can be found in the [Revised State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Policy](#).

Effective immediately, the following schedule will be followed for application review and support:

Initial Application Period: September 30 - December 15

- All complete applications submitted during this period will be reviewed.

- Successful applicants will be notified of waiver support on or before January 10.
- This will include applications for specialty physicians and Flex 10 slots.

Second Application Period: January 1 - June 1

- All complete applications submitted during this period will be reviewed.
- Successful applicants will be notified of waiver support on or before July 10.
- This will include applications for specialty physicians and Flex 10 slots.

Final Application Period: July 1 - September 15

- All complete applications submitted during this period will be reviewed.
- Successful applicants will be notified of waiver support on or before September 30.
- This will include applications for specialty physicians and Flex 10 slots.

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