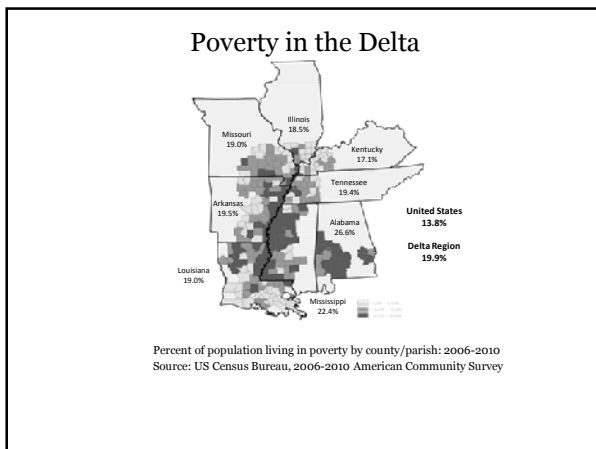


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Delta Doctors

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) is committed to helping all residents of the Region have access to quality, affordable health care as a core part of the Region's economic development. Accordingly, the DRA is prepared to consider recommending a waiver of the foreign residence requirement on behalf of physicians holding J-1 Visas under certain conditions.

The DRA's policy is completely discretionary, voluntary, and may be modified or terminated at any time without notice. In all instances, the DRA reserves the right to recommend or decline any request for a waiver. Furthermore, the DRA reserves the right for periodic review and possible revision of the program.

Delta Doctors Guidelines

The DRA encourages States to be involved in the DRA J-1 Visa Waiver process because State health agencies are familiar with local health provider shortage issues and opportunities. The DRA process continually and constantly offers States optional opportunities for input in the request for the waiver, so long as the State agency makes such comment within time frames specified in DRA policy promulgated in its "J-1 Visa Waiver Time Line."

These guidelines are the requirements with which employers and applicants must comply for consideration from the Delta Regional Authority.

Recruitment

The employer's first major prerequisite before requesting a J-1 visa waiver is to make a good-faith effort to recruit an American physician for the opportunity in the same salary range, without success, for a period of six months before submitting the request for the waiver.

The Delta Regional Authority requires evidence of recruitment on three levels: national, in-state, and state medical school recruitment. Additionally, the employer may submit supplemental documentation such as advertisements in nationally recognized on-line medical job banks specifically targeted to the practice opportunity.

Waiver of Liquidated Damages Clause Requirement

(Employer) and (Physician) hereby agree to waive the Liquidated Damages Clause required by Delta Regional Authority (DRA) as set forth in the Delta Regional Authority J-1 Visa Waiver Program Affidavit and Agreement.

DRA takes no position with respect to the inclusion of any other clause mandating consequential or liquidated damages being paid to the employer.

Current Status for 2015

State	Approved	Pending	Withdrawn/ Rejected	Total
Alabama	14	0	0	14
Arkansas	2	0	0	2
Illinois	12	0	0	12
Kentucky	4	0	0	4
Louisiana	11	1	0	12
Mississippi	19	5	0	24
Missouri	6	2	0	8
Tennessee	8	0	0	8
Total	76	8	0	84

Current Status

State	Approved	Pending	Withdrawn/ Rejected	Total
Alabama	24	0	0	24
Arkansas	19	0	3	21
Illinois	63	0	3	66
Kentucky	14	0	0	14
Louisiana	45	1	2	48
Mississippi	98	5	0	103
Missouri	60	2	0	62
Tennessee	81	0	1	82
Total	404	8	9	421

Innovation Readiness Training

What is IRT?

- The Innovative Readiness Training Program (IRT) is authorized under 10 United States Code 2012 (1996), operates in the U.S., its territories and possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- Provides for a civilian-military partnership where Military Combat Support (CS), Combat Service Support (CSS) Units & Personnel with Specific Training Requirements assist with meeting the needs of an underserved civilian community.
- Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) formally established, DOD Directive (Department Of Defense Directive) 1100.20 (1997).
- Updates to the directive in April 2004 established support and Services for Eligible Organizations and Activities Outside the Department of Defense (DOD). Military Services have separate regulatory guidance.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Military <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide Pre-Deployment Preparation• Mission Essential Training• Austere, Real World Training• Connects to Communities• Improves Morale, Retention & Recruiting	Community <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supports Underserve Population in Remote Locations• Creates New Partnerships• Enhances Interagency Cooperation• Provides Incidental Training to Locals• Leverages Tax Dollars
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Community Role

- Identify and determine scope of medical need
- Provide one point of contact that will speak for the community/entity
- Actively participate in planning conferences, phone calls and other meeting.
- Provide a mission site locations for the medical operations
- Marketing for mission- getting the word out in the community through the newspaper, churches, schools, local radio etc.

QUESTIONS

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