

North Carolina J-1 Visa Waiver Program

Federal Calendar Year 2014 - 2018 Profile

Program Facts

126

J-1 Visa Waiver Program physicians placed over the last 5 years

\$79.5M

In economic impact created from the J-1 physicians

118

Physicians placed in Mental Health and Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas over the last 5 years

29

Counties served over the last 5 years that were designated as Mental Health and Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas

94%

Of physicians were placed in either a geographic, population, or facility Health Professional Shortage Area

Overview:

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Office of Rural Health (ORH) is committed to improving access to quality, affordable health care for persons residing in the state's rural and underserved areas. ORH leverages the North Carolina Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program to increase the number of physicians practicing in rural and underserved areas. ORH serves as the "interested government agency" for the program. The Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver program affords international medical graduates (IMGs) on J-1 visas the opportunity to waive their two-year home-country physical presence requirement in exchange for three years of medical service to patients in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) or Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs).

Annually, the State of North Carolina receives 30 J-1 visa waiver slots per year (October 1 - September 30). To ensure North Carolina's primary care needs are met, 20 of the 30 slots are reserved for primary care physicians (including Hospitalists) practicing in Family Practice, General Internal Medicine, General Pediatrics, Obstetrics/ Gynecology, or Psychiatry in HPSAs or MUAs. NC has 87 counties designed as primary care HPSAs and 90 counties designated as mental health HPSAs. Up to 10 slots may be used for physicians to work in areas which are not designated as a HPSA or MUA and not limited to Primary Care. These 10 slots are called FLEX slots and fill quickly. To ensure full utilization of the J-1 Visa waiver slots, recently ORH created a waiting list when specialist applications exceed the 10 FLEX slots. Beginning May 1, unallocated primary care slots are utilized for qualifying specialists on the waiting list.

The importance of the Conrad J-1 Visa Waiver Program in addressing community needs is reflected in feedback received during stakeholder meetings held across NC to gather input on this critical program. Stakeholders expressed gratitude for the program and requested an increase in the number of slots for J-1 visa waivers. ORH supports increasing the number of Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver slots.

Economic Impact and Return on Investment of Providers

Estimated using Provider Specialty Type

Total Number of Placements 126



Specialty Type Multiplier



\$79.5M

Economic Impact Based on Specialty Type Multipliers

Over the last 5 years, ORH placed primary care and subspecialist physicians in underserved areas of North Carolina in the following specialties: Family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, surgery, hospitalist, cardiology, oncology and many more.

Using IMPLAN models, each provider specialty is found to be associated with a different economic impact to communities, ranging from \$600,190 for a Pediatrician to \$820,781 for a Surgeon. ORH recognizes the need for a diverse team of providers in each community in North Carolina, a value that reaches beyond the estimated economic impact.



Medical

119 placements
\$74,977,497



Behavioral Health

7 placements
\$4,564,259

*Source: IMPLAN (IMpact analysis for PLANning) . ORH uses IMPLAN to determine both the direct, indirect, and induced economic impact on a community for each provider specialty type.





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Program Reach

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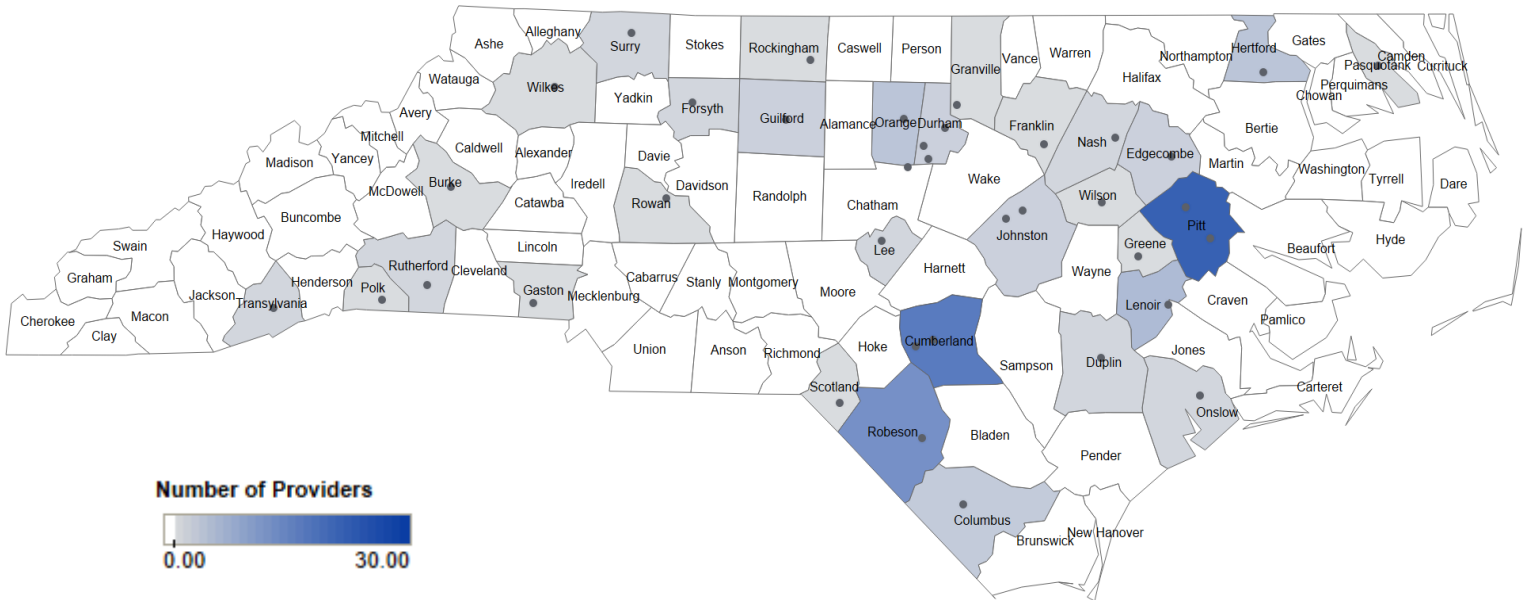
Counties served

19

Rural counties served

61%

Of the counties served were rural



County	Site	Provider Type	Number of Providers	County	Site	Provider Type	Number of Providers	
Burke	Blue Ridge Healthcare-Morganton	Hospitalist	1	Orange	UNC Chapel Hill	Neurosurgeon	1	
Columbus	Columbus Regional Medical Center	Hospitalist	4		UNC Sch of Medicine	Cardiologist	1	
Cumberland	Calvary Pediatrics, PA	Pediatrician	2			Nephrologist	1	
	Cape Fear Cardiology Associates	Cardiologist	1			Neurologist	1	
	Cape Fear Valley Medical Center	Physician	1		UNC-CH, Chatam Hosp., Hillsborough Hosp., Dept. of PS- Central Prison	Anesthesiologist	1	
		Hospitalist	20	Pasquotank	Sentara Elizabeth City	Hospitalist	1	
		Intensivist	1	Pitt	ECU Brody School of Medicine	Critical Care	1	
		Cumberland Cardiology	Cardiologist		1		Cytopathology	1
	Fayetteville Heart Center	Cardiologist	1			Family Medicine	1	
	KidzCare Fayetteville	Pediatrician	1			Internal Medicine	1	
	Rainbow Pediatrics of Fayetteville	Pediatrician	1			Neurologist	1	
		Pediatrician	1			Pediatrician	1	
		Hospitalist	1			Psychiatrist	2	
Duplin	Vidant Duplin Hospital	Surgeon	1		Pulmonologist	3		
Durham	Doctors Making Housecalls	Internal Medicine	1		Surgeon	1		
	Duke Regional Hospital	Hospitalist	1		ECU Brody School of Medicine Dept of Internal Medicine	Neurologist	1	
	Duke Univ Sch. Of Medicine	Internal Medicine	1		ECU Brody School of Medicine Dept of Psychiatry	Psychiatrist	1	
Edgecombe	El Futuro Durham	Psychiatrist	1		ECU Brody School of Medicine Dept of Surgery	Surgeon	1	
	Vidant Edgecombe Hospital	Hospitalist	1		Vidant Medical Center	Hospitalist	14	
Forsyth		IM/Peds Hospitalist	1			Internal Medicine	1	
	Vidant Multispecialty Clinic	Internal Medicine	2			Neuro-Oncologist	1	
Franklin	Wake Forest University Health Sciences	Neurologist	1		Vidant Oncology-Greenville	Oncologist	1	
		Pediatric Neurologist	1			Internal Medicine	1	
Gaston	Southern Medical Partners	Hospitalist	1		CHC Foothills Med Assoc	Internal Medicine	1	
	Gaston Family Health Services	Family Medicine	1	Polk		Hospitalist	5	
Granville	Central Regional Hospital	Psychiatrist	1	Robeson	Southeastern Regional Medical Center	Pediatric Neurologist	1	
	Greene Co Health Care, James D. Bernstein CHC	Family Medicine	1				Psychiatrist	1
Guilford	Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital	Hospitalist	1				Surgeon	1
		Neuro-Hospitalist	1				Urologist	1
		Neurologist	1			Southeastern Regional Physician Services	Endocrinologist	1
Harnett	Piedmont Cardiovascular	Cardiologist	1			Family Medicine	1	
	Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital - Dunn	Pediatrician	1			Hospitalist	1	
Hertford	KidzCare Pediatrics	Pediatrician	1			Internal Medicine	1	
	Vidant Ahoskie Behav. Health	Psychiatrist	1			Neurosurgeon	1	
Johnston	Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital	Hospitalist	5			Pulmonologist	1	
		Oncologist	1			Surgeon	1	
Lee	Southern Medical Partners	Hospitalist	2	Rockingham	Cone Health- Reidsville	Psychiatrist	1	
	UNC Johnston Medical Center	Hospitalist	1	Rowan	Novant Health	Transplant Surgeon	1	
Lenoir	UNC Sch of Medicine Nephrology Div- Sanford	Nephrologist	2	Rutherford	Rutherford Internal Medicine Assoc. Endo Div	Endocrinologist	1	
	Kinston Cardiology Associates	Cardiologist	1		Rutherford Internal Medicine Associates	Internal Medicine	1	
Martin	Lenoir Memorial Hospital	Hospitalist	5	Scotland	Scotland Memorial Hospital	Hospitalist	1	
		Surgeon	1	Stanly	Stanly Regional Medical Center, Albemarle NC	Hospitalist	1	
		Neurologist	1	Surry	Northern Hospital of Surry County	Pediatrician	1	
Nash	UNC Physicians Network Lenoir, Kinston, NC	Surgeon	1		Northern Hospital of Surry County, Pathologist Diagnostic Serv. PLLC	Pathologist	1	
	Martin General Hospital	Family Medicine	1	Transylvania	Southern Medical Partners	Hospitalist	1	
Onslow	Nash General Hospital	Hospitalist	1		Transylvania Regional Hospital	Hospitalist	1	
	Nash Health Care	Cardiologist	1	Wake	Advance CHC- Raleigh	Family Medicine	1	
Onslow	Jacksonville Children's and Multispecialty Clinic	Pediatrician	1	Wilkes	Wilkes Medical Center	Hospitalist	1	
	Onslow Memorial Hospital	Hospitalist	2	Wilson	Eastern Carolina Peds	Pediatrician	1	
					Vidant HealthPlex	Family Medicine	1	

