

North Carolina J-1 Visa Waiver Program

Federal Calendar Year 2019 - 2023 Profile

Program Facts

135

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

\$100M

In economic impact created from the J-1 physicians

130

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

32

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

96%

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 Conrad 30 program; however, ORH provides letters of recommendations for the US Department of Health and Human Services Exchange Visitor Program and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) J-1 Visa Waiver 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). 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, 10 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. NC has 92 counties designed as primary care HPSAs and 93 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. These 10 slots are called FLEX slots. To ensure full utilization of the J-1 Visa waiver slots, ORH utilizes 10 of the Primary Care waiver slots for specialists not practicing Primary Care and providing at least 32 hours per week in direct face-to-face patient care in a HPSA. Slots are filled with eligible applications on first come, first served basis. 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.

Economic Impact and Return on Investment of Providers

Estimated using Provider Specialty Type

Total Number of Placements 135



Specialty Type Multiplier



\$100M

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 \$586,423 for a Pediatrician to \$1,201,712 for an OBGYN. 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

128 placements
\$95,549,347

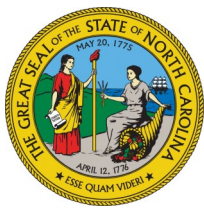


Behavioral Health

7 placements
\$4,935,481

*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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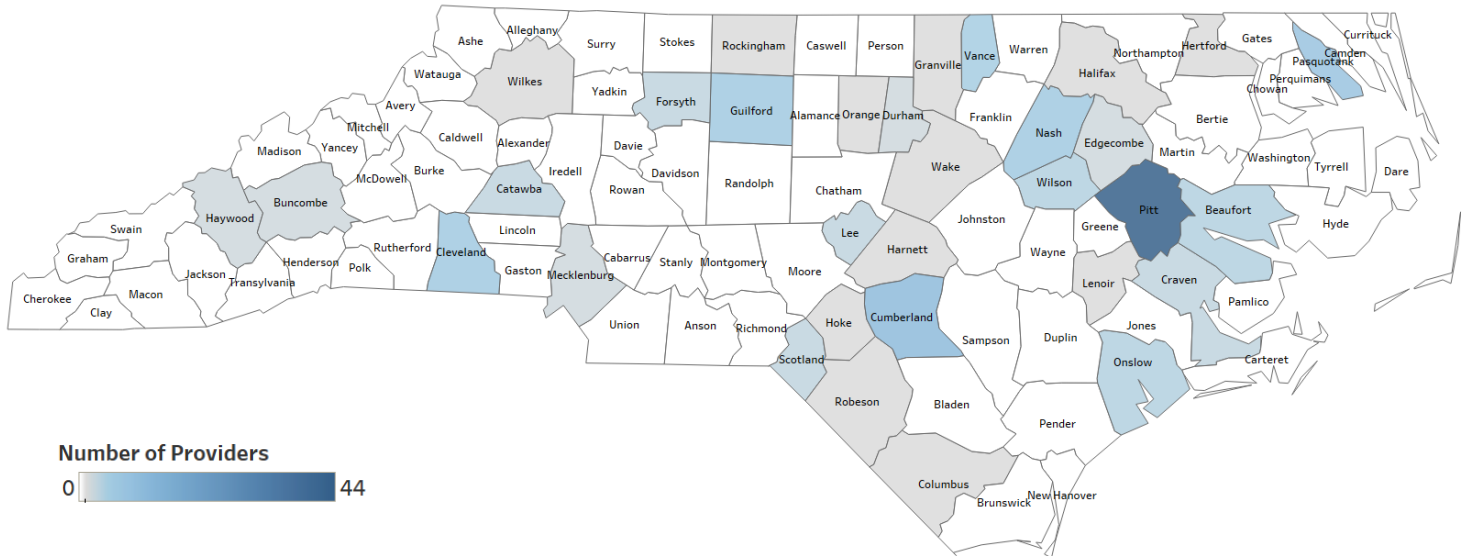
Counties served

16

Rural counties served

50%

Of the counties served were rural



County	Site	Provider Type	Number of Providers	County	Site	Provider Type	Number of Providers	
Beaufort	ECU Health Beaufort Hospital	Hospitalist	3	Lee	Central Carolina Women's Health	Obstetrics and Gynecology	1	
	Vidant Behavioral Health - Washington	Psychiatrist	1		UNC School of Medicine - Carolina Dialysis- Sanford	Nephrologist	1	
Buncombe	Hospital Physician Service Southeast - Mission	Hospitalist	2	Lenoir	UNC School of Medicine - Sanford Specialty Clinic	Nephrologist	1	
Catawba	Frye Regional Hospital	Hospitalist	1		ECU Health- Oncology - Kinston	Oncologist	1	
		Pulmonologist	2	Mecklenburg	Atrium Behavioral Health - Charlotte	Psychiatrist	1	
Cleveland	Atrium Health (Carolinas Healthcare System)	Cardiologist	1		Novant Health Movement Mortgage Family Health Center	Family Medicine	1	
		Hospitalist	2	Nash	Nash General Hospital	Hospitalist	6	
		Endocrinologist	1		Onslow Memorial Hospital	Hospitalist	4	
Columbus	Columbus Regional HealthCare System	Nephrologist	2	Orange	UNC School of Medicine - Chapel Hill	Neurologist	1	
		Hospitalist	1	Pasquotank	Albemarle Hospital	Hospitalist	8	
Craven	Carolina East Medical Center	Hospitalist	3	Pitt	ECU Brody School of Medicine	Cardiologist	1	
Cumberland	Cape Fear Cardiology Associates, PA	Cardiologist	2			Endocrinologist	1	
		Intensivist	1			Hospitalist	2	
	Cape Fear Valley Medical Center - Fayetteville	Neurologist	1			Nephrologist	2	
		Psychiatrist	1			Pathologist	1	
		Infectious Disease	1			Pediatrician	6	
	Fayetteville Heart Center	Cardiologist	2			Psychiatrist	2	
	Rainbow Pediatrics	Pediatrician	1			Pulmonologist	4	
Valley Cardiology	Cardiologist	2	ECU Physicians- Neurology			Neurologist	1	
Durham	Duke University Medical Center	Infectious Disease	1			Vidant - ECU Health Urology	Urologist	1
		Nephrologist	1			Vidant Heart & Vascular Care - Greenville	Cardiologist	1
Edgecombe	Vidant - Edgecombe Hospital	Hospitalist	1			Vidant Medical Center	Hospitalist	9
	Vidant Cancer Care - Tarboro	Oncologist	1			Neurologist	10	
Forsyth	Wake Forest Univ Baptist Medical Center (WFUBMC)	Anesthesiologist	1	Vidant Medical Group Outpatient Neurology	Neurologist	1		
		Cardiologist	1	Vidant Neurology - Greenville	Neurologist	1		
		Radiologist	1	Wake Spine & Pain Specialist	Pain Management	1		
Granville	Maria Parham Medical Center	Obstetrics and Gynecology	1	Robeson	Southeastern Regional Medical Center	Endocrinologist	1	
Guilford	Greensboro Radiology, PA	Radiologist	1	Rockingham	Cone Health Clinic	Cardiologist	1	
		Gastroenterologist	1	Scotland	Scotland Memorial Hospital	Hospitalist	2	
	Neurologist	2	Neurologist	1				
	Pulmonologist	1	Nephrologist	1				
	Wake Forest Univ Baptist Medical Center (WFUBMC)	Family Medicine	1	Vance	Apogee Physicians	Hospitalist	1	
Halifax	Vidant Medical Center	Pulmonologist	1	Duke Primary Care - Henderson	Family Medicine	1		
Harnett	Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital	Endocrinologist	1	Henderson Pediatric Center - NC Pediatric Associates	Pediatrician	1		
Haywood	Haywood Regional Medical Center	Hospitalist	2	Henderson Pulmonary & Sleep Medicine	Hospitalist	1		
Hertford	Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital	Hospitalist	1	Maria Parham Medical Center	Pediatrician	1		
Hoke	Cape Fear Valley Hoke Hospital - Raeford	Neurologist	1	Wake	Lucy Daniels Center for Early Childhood	Psychiatrist	1	
				Wilkes	Wake Forest Baptist Health/Wilkes Medical Center	Hospitalist	1	
				Wilson	Apogee Physicians	Hospitalist	2	
					DLP Wilson Physician Practices, LLC	Psychiatrist	1	
					Pulmonologist	1		

