



APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION, J-1 VISA WAIVER

SORH accepts J-1 visa waiver applications on behalf of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for primary care physicians who agree to provide primary medical care for at least forty (40) hours a week at a site in a Health Professional Shortage Area within the legislatively defined Appalachian Regional Commission service area in Georgia for a minimum of three years.

Physicians must have completed a residency in one of the following specialties:

- 1) Family Practice
- 2) General Pediatrics
- 3) Obstetrics
- 4) General Internal Medicine
- 5) Psychiatry

Eligible Georgia counties within the Appalachian Region:

Banks	Barrow	Bartow	Carroll
Catoosa	Chattooga	Cherokee	Dade
Dawson	Douglas	Elbert	Fannin
Floyd	Forsyth	Franklin	Gilmer
Gordon	Gwinnett	Habersham	Hall
Haralson	Hart	Heard	Jackson
Lumpkin	Madison	Murray	Paulding
Pickens	Polk	Rabun	Stephens
Towns	Union	Walker	White
Whitfield			

In addition to the documentation listed in the Georgia Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Policy (APPLICATION GUIDELINES, Pages 5-9), ARC waiver applications must include a signed and notarized [ARC J-1 Visa Waiver Affidavit and Agreement](#) and include the [ARC J-1 Visa Liquidated Damages Clause](#) in all employment agreements.

Physicians and their sponsoring employers are expected to comply with Georgia Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Policy and the ARC Federal Co-Chair's J-1 Visa Waiver Policy in their entirety. ARC Policy, Affidavit and Agreement, and all other ARC required documentation are available at <http://www.arc.gov/j1visawaiver>.