

CONRAD 30 YEARLY REPORT 2024*

Federal Fiscal Year	2024
Total Slots Used	24
Flex Slots Used	10
Non-Flex Slots	14
Primary Care	12
Specialists	12

*With the opening of the Northern Border Regional Commission's J-1 Visa Waiver Program, the State now has an option to refer to should our program use all 30 slots. The NHRC J-1 Visa Waiver Program has no application cycle therefore we can also refer after our program has closed (July 1-September 30). NBRC, however, only allows for those providing services in federally designated shortage areas – they do not utilize flex slots as is the practice of all the regional commissions.

Definitions:

Total Slots Used - Each state is allotted 30 J1 Visa Waiver slots per FFY, which a maximum of 10 of them being allowed to be used as Flex Slots.

Flex Slots Used - J1 Visa Waiver physicians whose practice sites are located outside of federally designated shortage areas, but are serving patients from those shortage areas, require the use of a Flex Slot.

Non-Flex Slots - J1 Visa Waiver physicians whose practice sites are located in federally designated shortage areas do not require a Flex Slot. If they are providing services at more than one practice site and any of the sites is outside a federally designated shortage area, then a Flex Slot is required.

Primary Care - J1 Visa Waiver physicians whose services are considered *primary care* (Family Practice, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, Hospitalists).

Specialists - J1 Visa Waiver physicians whose services are considered a *specialty* (Geriatrics, General Surgeons, Pulmonary/Critical Care/ Hematology/Oncology, etc.) Some sub-specialties accepted if the facility can demonstrate that a shortage of that specialty exists in that service area.