

IMMIGRATION SERVICES

CONTINUATION J-1 Alien Physician Sponsorship Process

For medical residents or fellows who are currently working in UAMS

UAMS Immigration Services acts as the primary Training Program Liaison (TPL) between Educational Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) and the UAMS departments to facilitate the J-1 Alien Physician Program. If you have questions about the J-1 alien physician visa sponsorship process, please email us at AskImmigration@uams.edu.

The J-1 alien physicians who are currently working in UAMS are required to extend their J-1 visa status every year in order to continue their training. Follow the steps below to extend the J-1 alien physicians' J-1 visa status in your department.

STEP 1

Identify the J-1 alien physicians who needs extension

UAMS Immigration Services will send you a list of the current J-1 alien physicians in your department in January. Please confirm which physicians need to be extended.



Provide Required Documents

UAMS Immigration Services will email you to request:

- Contract/ Letter of Offer

- [Form I-644](#)

The medical resident or fellow needs to complete part I. Program Director needs to complete Part II.

- Training program description (Only for fellowship program)

STEP 2

Additional documents are required if the physician is either under a **Non-ACGME-accredited Program** or in a **Chief Resident Position**:

- **American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Member Board Recognition**

If the applied-for discipline is not on this [List](#), a letter of support from the ABMS member board is needed. See [here](#) for ABMS contact information.

- **Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) Endorsement & Program Verification Form**

Representatives of the host institution are required to complete this [FORM](#). Program Director's (PD) signature must be from the PD of the ACGME-accredited parent program.

Records created in EVNet and OASIS

UAMS Immigration Services will upload the supporting documents in the ECFMG portal - EVNet. The physician will upload the other required documents (such as Form I-94 and Statement of Need) to the On-line Applicant Status and Information System (OASIS) and pay the ECFMG annual application fee.

ECFMG issues Form DS-2019

ECFMG will mail the DS-2019 to UAMS Immigration Services in 4-6 weeks.

Form DS-2019 ready for pick up

UAMS Immigration Services will contact the physician to pick up the DS-2019 once it arrives.

The Form DS-2019 is a legal document necessary for the physician to maintain a J-1 status. It identifies the training institution, specific training start and end dates, training level, and training program.



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