



Oklahoma State Department of Health
Creating a State of Health

National Interest Waivers

Requirements:

1. Agree to work full-time in a clinical practice for the period fixed by the statute (For most cases, the required period of service is 5 years. Prior service completed under a J-1 waiver obligation can counted to meet this requirement.)
2. Work in one of the following medical specialties: Family or General Medicine; Pediatrics; Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/ Gynecology, Psychiatry or a sub-specialty approved by the Office of Primary Care.
3. Serve either in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (MHPSA- for psychiatrists only), Medically Underserved Area (MUA), or a Veterans Affairs Facility.

The physician or attorney on behalf of the physician must submit the following to the Oklahoma Office of Primary Care and Rural Health Development:

1. A written request for a letter of attestation from the Oklahoma State Department of Health indicating appropriate contact information. The request should include the address of the facility from which the physician will be providing services.
2. A full time employment contract or, if employed at Veterans Affairs Facility, a letter from Veterans Affairs stating intent to employ physician for five years.

Process:

1. Request should be submitted electronically to JanaC@health.ok.gov
2. The request will be reviewed by the PCO; PCO will draft letter and will submit recommendation to the Commissioner of Health.
3. An electronic copy and a hard copy will be sent to the requestor.

For more information, please contact:

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