J-1 Physicians
Essential to U.S. Health Care

More than 12,000 physicians training as residents and fellows
Serving patients at nearly 750 teaching hospitals across the nation
In more than 50 medical specialties and associated subspecialties

As our health care system faces the unprecedented challenge of COVID-19, straining resources amid an already growing physician shortage, J-1 physicians are desperately needed.

Number of J-1 Physicians Sponsored
Each year, thousands of foreign national physicians train in J-1 visa status in the United States, where they are an increasingly significant proportion of the trainees on our health care teams. The number of J-1 physicians training and serving patients in U.S. teaching hospitals has increased 62% over the past decade.

States with Highest Numbers of J-1 Physicians
J-1 physicians train across the nation—in 49 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Some of the states with the highest numbers of J-1 physicians are those hardest hit by COVID-19, including New York, Michigan, Texas, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Florida.

Specialties Pursued by J-1 Physicians
J-1 physicians train and serve in high numbers in primary-care specialties, including Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Family Medicine. This means that J-1 physicians are frequently among our frontline providers.

A new government proposal would change the rules for J-1 physicians—a change that would have an immediate and devastating impact on U.S. health care during one of the most severe pandemics in our nation’s history.

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