



NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER

SORH will provide a letter of support for National Interest Waiver (NIW) petitions for eligible foreign national physicians working in Georgia who agree to work full-time in a clinical practice for a minimum of five years in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or Medically Underserved Area (MUA). The letter will attest that the physician's work is in the public interest. SORH will send the NIW letter of support directly to USCIS, with a copy to petitioner, upon receipt of all required documentation.

Requests to SORH for NIW support must include the following documentation:

- 1) Physician – letter describing his/her interest in working with underserved populations and intent to work for at least five years in a designated underserved area
- 2) Employer – letter of intent to employ physician that includes:
 - a) Term of at least five years (or at least a two-year extension for current GA 30 participants)*
 - b) Describe the need for physician
 - c) Confirm acceptance of Medicare/Medicaid patients and that low-income patients are charged on a sliding discounted fee schedule based on current federal poverty guidelines
- 3) Copy of employment agreement indicating a term of at least five years (or at least a two-year extension for current GA 30 participants)*
- 4) Copy of physician's current H-1B visa
- 5) Copy of physician's current Georgia license and board certification
- 6) Copy of physician's current CV
- 7) Form 28-G, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney/Representative, if applicable

* Requests for physicians with prior qualifying employment may limit the term of employment to the required period of clinical medical practice to satisfy the five-year requirement. Such requests must include a letter from the prior employer(s) describing the service, including dates of service, practice site address(es), and confirmation of full-time service.

NOTE: Letters of support for National Interest Waiver petitions are at the sole discretion of SORH.

Submit requests to SORH at the following address:

GEORGIA NIW PROGRAM
STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
502 SOUTH SEVENTH STREET
CORDELE, GA 31015-1443