

# PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC) MEETING AGENDA

JUNE 22ND, 2026  
12:00PM TO ADJOURNMENT

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1. Call to order/roll call – Staff
2. Possible Action: Review and possible approval of minutes from the April 13th, 2026 meeting – Chairperson  
PUBLIC COMMENT
3. Informational Only: Council membership update, including recognition of outgoing members for their service and welcome of newly appointed members.  
PUBLIC COMMENT
4. Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to make recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Panicker Renni Robinson– Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Primary Care Manager, PCO  
PUBLIC COMMENT
5. Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to make recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Santhi Nirmala Sanjana Narasimhadevara– Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Primary Care Manager, PCO

## PUBLIC COMMENT

6. Public Comment: No Action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.
7. Adjournment

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING AGENDA HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Nevada Public Notice website: <https://notice.nv.gov>  
Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Primary Care Office website:

<https://www.dpbh.nv.gov/boards/pco-advisory-council-home/meetings/primary-care-advisory-council-ffy2026meetings/>

[DPBH – 4150 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706](#)

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Inquiries regarding the items scheduled for this Council meeting or if a member of the public would like to request the supporting material for this meeting, please contact Nevada Primary Care Office at [nvpc@health.nv.gov](mailto:nvpc@health.nv.gov) or (775) 684-2204.

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
April 13, 2026  
1:00PM to Adjournment

**TELECONFERENCE:**

In accordance with Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 1; The requirement contained in NRS 241.023 (1) (b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gerald Ackerman  
Dr. Susan VanBeuge  
Dr. Amir Qureshi  
Nancy Bowen

**COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Dr. Donald Campbell (designee Jenny Kloepfer)  
Julie Clyde

**DPBH/DHCFP STAFF PRESENT:**

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum.**

**2. Approval of minutes:**

Susan VanBeuge asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the August 6th, 2025, meeting. No recommendations were made.

**First Motion:** Gerald Ackerman moves to approve

**Second Motion :** Nancy Bowens seconds

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

**3. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Zaryab Umar .** Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Dr. Amir Qureshi moves to approve

**Second Motion :** Nancy Bowen seconds

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

**4. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Ravneet Singh Randhawa.**

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Gerald Ackerman to approve

**Second Motion :** Dr. Amir Qureshi seconds

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

**5. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Anupriya Bhatia.**

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Dr. Amir Qureshi moves to approve

**Second Motion :** Gerald Ackerman seconds

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

**6. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Dev Priya Singhvi.**

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Nancy Bowen moves to approve

**Second Motion :** Gerald Ackerman seconds

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

#### **10. Member or Public Comment**

No public comment

#### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:24pm

DRAFT

## **J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation**

### **Candidates Information:**

Full Name: Dr. Panicker Renni Robinson.

Place of Birth: India

Country of Citizenship: India

Residency Discipline: Internal Medicine

Residency Timeframe: 07/2019 to 06/2022

Location of Residency: Ochsner University Hospital and Clinics, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.

Fellowship/Specialty: Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Timeframe: 07/2022 to 06/2023

Location of Fellowship: LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.

Fellowship/Specialty: Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Timeframe: 07/2023 to 06/2026

Location of Fellowship: LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.

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### **Employers Information:**

Employer's Full Name: Renown Medical Group, LLC

Employer's Address: 10315 Professional Circle, Reno, NV 89502

Employer's Point of Contact Name: Dr. Rahul Mediwala, M.D.

Employer's Email Address: rahul.mediwala@renown.org

Employer's Phone Number: 775-982-2781

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### **Official Legal Representative Information:**

Law Firm Name: The Sharma Law Office, P. A.

Law Firm Address: 3571 Cardinal Point Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32257

Point of Contact Name: Andy Desposito, Esq.

Point of Contact Email Address: andy@immigrationfirm.net

Point of Contact Phone Number: 760-481-5100

### **Practice Site Information:**

Practice Site #1: Renown Medical Group, Cardiology

Practice Site #1 Address: 1500 E. 2nd Street, Ste. 400, Reno, NV 89502.

Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site per week: 8 hrs/wk.

Select all that apply:

- In a HPSA HPSA #132371732       In a MUA/MUP MUA #02096       Flex Spot  
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)     Tribal Health Center  
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC)                       Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Health Hospital

**\*For specialists, hospitalists and/or flex locations please fill out the below section of the form that pertains to you.**

**Specialist Information for site #1:**

Current specialist to patient ratio at facility: Varies. See attached J-1 Visa Application Sumamry Letter.  
 Optimum specialist to patient ratio: Varies. See attached J-1 Visa Application Sumamry Letter.  
 Current number of specialist vacancies: 2.  
 Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: 10 miles away to one other physician, 135 miles away to the next closest.

**Hospitalist Information for site #1:**

Current hospitalist to patient ratio: Current Ratio.  
 Optimum hospitalist to patient ratio: Current Ratio.  
 Current number of hospitalist vacancies: Current Vacancies.  
 Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Distance travelled.

**Flex Spot Information for site #1:**

Percentage of population served at or below 200% federal poverty level: % under 200% FPL  
 Wait times for serving this population: Wait times.  
 Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Distance travelled.  
 Current physician to patient ratio at facility: Current Ratio.  
 Optimum physician to patient ratio: Current Ratio.  
 Please list any barriers to serve this population: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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**Additional Practice Sites:**

**Practice Site Information:**

Practice Site #2: Renown Regional Medical Center  
 Practice Site #2 Address: 1155 Mill St, Reno, NV 89502.  
 Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site per week: 8 hrs/wk. Select all that apply:

- In a HPSA HPSA #132371732       In a MUA/MUP MUA #02096       Flex Spot  
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)     Tribal Health Center  
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC)                       Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Health Hospital

**\*For specialists, hospitalists and/or flex locations please fill out the below section of the form that pertains to you.**

**Specialist Information for site #2:**

Current specialist to patient ratio at facility: Same as above.

Optimum specialist to patient ratio: Same as above.

Current number of specialist vacancies: Same as above.

Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Same as above.

**Hospitalist Information for site #2:**

Current hospitalist to patient ratio: Current Ratio.

Optimum hospitalist to patient ratio: Current Ratio.

Current number of hospitalist vacancies: Current Vacancies.

Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Distance travelled.

**Flex Spot Information for site #2:**

Percentage of population served at or below 200% federal poverty level: % under 200% FPL

Wait times for serving this population: Wait times.

Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Distance travelled.

Current physician to patient ratio at facility: Current Ratio.

Optimum physician to patient ratio: Current Ratio.

Please list any barriers to serve this population: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

\*If there are more than 2 practice sites, please add all additional practice locations with the above information, at the end of this form.\*

Employer and Candidate, seek a letter of support from the Physician Visa Waiver Program and requests the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to forward the J-1 Visa Waiver application to the U.S. Department of State as a State Health Agency request, per DS-3035. Employer and Candidate have agreed to comply with the duties set forth in Chapter 439A of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and to cooperate with the Physician Visa Waiver Program.

In signing below, an authorized representative of the Employer and the Candidate declares under penalty of perjury that all statements submitted with this application are true and accurate and this application complies with the requirements of NRS 439A.175 and NAC 439.730 including as follows:

**All practices sites where the Candidate will practice:**

- Are located in a federally designated Primary Care HPSA, MUA/P or a site approved by the state as a geographic exception or a flex slot (Public Law 108-441) to address the underserved;
- Accept Medicare, Medicaid assignment and Nevada Checkup;

- Offer a sliding discount fee schedule and a minimum fee based on family size & income; and
- Has a policy stating all patients will receive treatment, regardless of their ability to pay which is either posted at the site or provided to the patients.

**The contract between the Employer and the Candidate provides the following:**

- Candidate agrees to provide services during 3 -year waiver obligation.
- Candidate will provide services 40 hours per week minimum plus on-call time.
- The salary meets or exceeds the prevailing wage for that area and for physicians of that specialty as reported by the Foreign Labor Certification Center, Department of Labor, (<http://www.flcdatacenter.com>):
- The amount of time off for vacation, sick leave and for Continuing Medical Education is included. The employer shall maintain records to show the amount of time-off requested and the amount of time taken.
- Does not contain a “non-compete” clause that would prohibit the J-1 Visa Waiver physician from opening a new clinic or working in a clinic in that shortage area upon completing the three-year commitment.
- Conditions for termination of the contract, for both the physician and employer, are included. A “no-cause” termination is not allowed.
- Any new contracts or amendments during the 3-year obligation will be sent to the PCO for review and approval before signature.
- Agreement to begin employment at the stated practice site within 90 days of receiving a waiver from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). During the 90 days, the physician must obtain the required licenses from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the State Board of Pharmacy, and any other licenses as may be required for the physician to practice medicine in Nevada; and
- A statement that the physician agrees to meet the requirements set forth in section 214(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

*Please note in accordance with NRS Chapter 239, all public records, the contents not otherwise declared by law to be confidential, shall be open for inspection or to obtain copies.*

## PHYSICIAN Eligibility Requirements

- A. **Eligibility:** To be eligible for a letter of support by the Nevada Primary Care Office (PCO) within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) a physician **must:**
1. Complete a residency or fellowship training program and intend to practice in Nevada for a minimum of three consecutive years.
  2. Submit all relevant application components
  3. Review and understand all terms included in the employment contract, including expectations for working hours, hospital rounds, and on-call requirements. The PCO has limited authority under NRS 439A.180 to ensure program requirements are met and cannot mediate labor disputes; therefore, the physician must review all contracts carefully before signing. Labor disputes or medical safety issues will be referred to the federal Department of Labor or to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
  4. Agree to notify the PCO of the start date of employment using the New Arrival Form.
  5. Agree to review the Rights and Responsibilities presentation upon start of employment (presentation located online at [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Information, Instructions & Forms](#)).
  6. Agree to report additional employment. Any additional or outside employment in which the J-1 Visa Waiver physician engages must be stipulated in the original contract or added to a new contract which must then be resigned by all parties and resubmitted to the Primary Care Office (PCO) for recommendation and for USCIS approval, if applicable.
  7. Agree to limit absence from the practice site to a maximum of 180 consecutive days. If the physician is absent from medical practice more than 180 consecutive days, the physician must submit an updated New Arrival Form to the DPBH, PCO.
  8. Agree to treat all clients regardless of ability to pay, accept Medicaid and Medicare patients on assignment, and use a sliding fee scale for low-income, uninsured individuals. The practice site must provide notice to the public, as evidenced by a sign in the waiting area regarding this policy.
  9. Agree to obtain, within sixty days of start date, an individual National Provider Identifier (NPI) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which will be used on all health care claims.
  10. Agree to report practices within the practice site setting that do not meet the standards of care as established by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners. <http://www.medboard.nv.gov/>. NRS 41A.009 “Medical malpractice” defined. “Medical malpractice” means the failure of a physician, hospital or employee of a hospital, in rendering services, to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances.
  11. Report semi-annually (April and October), via the Compliance form on the status of the physician services for

the previous six months and where those services were provided.

12. Agree to immediately report all changes to the work schedule, which will be in effect longer than three weeks, to the PCO on the appropriate change of status form [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Instruction, Information & Forms \(nv.gov\)](#). These changes include, but are not limited to, a temporary assignment to another practice site, a decrease in hours at the practice site, an increase of call-time requirement, an increase in hospital-rounds time, and an increase in emergency room call. The most recent form on file will be used by the DPBH to assess whether the physician and employer are compliant with these policies and state law.
13. Notify the DPBH, PCO, in writing, thirty days prior to transfer, in the event of physician transfer from the approved facility to another facility within the medical practice or with another provider. The DPBH reserves the right to approve or disapprove the transfer.
14. Notify the DPBH, PCO, in writing, within thirty days of disciplinary action and/or termination. In the event of any emergency termination due to extreme circumstances affecting the health or safety of clients or other individuals, the DPBH must be notified, no later than twenty-four hours after the emergency termination.

**B. Consequences of Default:**

A physician is in default if, at any time, he or she does not meet the conditions listed in section A. The DPBH, PCO will monitor the physician and the medical practice. A physician found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 439A.130 to 439A.185 or Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 439A.700 to 439A.755 will incur the penalties specified under NAC 439A.750.

## EMPLOYER Eligibility Requirements

- A. **Eligibility:** To be eligible to employ a J-1 Visa Waiver physician, a medical practice must comply with these requirements:
1. Located in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), a federally designated Medically Underserved Area or Population (MUA/P), or a “flex slot” documenting service to underserved populations, as verified by the state. Determine if locations are designated at the following link: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area>
  2. The site must have been operating at least six months before requesting a physician under the J-1 visa waiver program.
  3. Submit all relevant application components
  4. Agree to review the Rights and Responsibilities presentation upon the start of employment (presentation located online at [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Instruction, Information & Forms](#))
  5. Report additional employment of the physician. Any additional or outside employment in which the J1 Visa Waiver physician engages must be stipulated in the original contract or added to a new contract which must then be resigned by all parties and resubmitted to the Primary Care Office (PCO) for recommendation for USCIS approval, if applicable.
  6. The practice site must accept all patients regardless of ability to pay, accept Medicaid and Medicare on assignment, and use a sliding-fee scale based on federal poverty guidelines to discount services to lowincome uninsured persons. The medical practice must provide notice to the public that such a policy is in effect and apply these access standards to the entire medical practice, not simply to those patients treated by the J-1 Visa Waiver physician. These requirements should be in place for at least three months immediately preceding the request for waiver.
  7. Agree that the physician will use an individual National Provider Identifier (NPI) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on all Medicaid health care claims.
  8. Report semi-annually (April and October), via the Compliance form on the status of the physician services for the previous six months and where those services were provided.
  9. Agree to report practices within the practice site setting that do not meet the standards of care as established by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners. <http://www.medboard.nv.gov/>. NRS 41A.009 “Medical malpractice” defined. “Medical malpractice” means the failure of a physician, hospital or employee of a hospital, in rendering services, to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances
  10. Agree to immediately report all changes to the work schedule, which will be in effect longer than three

weeks, to the PCO on the appropriate change of status form [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Instruction, Information & Forms \(nv.gov\)](#). These changes include, but are not limited to, a temporary assignment to another practice site, a decrease in hours at the practice site, an increase of call-time requirement, an increase in hospital-rounds time, and an increase in emergency room call. The most recent form on file will be used by the DPBH to assess whether the physician and employer are compliant with these policies and state law.

11. Notify the PCO, in writing, at least thirty days prior to a transfer from the approved facility to another facility within the medical practice. For a transfer outside the medical practice, the PCO must be notified, in writing, at the earliest opportunity. The PCO reserves the right to approve or disapprove all transfers.
12. Notify the PCO, in writing, within thirty days of disciplinary action and/or termination. In the event of any emergency termination due to extreme circumstances affecting the health or safety of clients or other individuals, the PCO must be notified no later than twenty-four hours after the emergency termination.
13. Understand that the PCO does not have the authority to mediate between employer and employees participating in the J-1 Visa Waiver program, or to enforce labor standards. Further, the PCO assumes no responsibility for negotiations or content of employment contracts or for termination of the contracts. If the PCO becomes aware of such issues, it will recommend seeking advice from an attorney or contacting the appropriate agency (i.e., Medicaid Fraud and Abuse, Department of Labor, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Medical Board of Examiners). The PCO will, however, investigate allegations of wrongdoing and issue a written determination of findings.

**B. Consequences of Default:**

An employer is in default if, at any time, he or she does not meet the conditions listed in section A. The DPBH, PCO will monitor the physician and the medical practice. An employer found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 439A.130 to 439A.185 or Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 439A.700 to 439A.755 will incur the penalties specified under NAC 439A.750.

By signing below, I hereby attest that the above requirements have been met and I hereby agree to abide by all the program policies and rules as described in NRS and NAC and as further required under the Rights and Responsibilities located at the Divisions website at: <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Conrad30/Conrad30-Home/>.

**Candidate/Physician:**

I PANICKER RENNI ROBINSON, declare under penalty of perjury, that I have read, understand and agree to the foregoing terms of the Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation. I further understand that failure to comply with the requirements listed in Section A may result in sanctions as described in section B above.

PANICKER RENNI ROBINSON

MD

Candidate Name (first/last)

Title

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2/16/2026

Candidate Signature

Date

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

State of: LOUISIANA

County of: ORLEANS

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 2024

Randy J. Boudreaux

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: Feb 14/25



**Authorized Employer:**

I Rahul Mediwala, declare under penalty of perjury, that I have read, understand and agree to the foregoing terms. I further understand that failure to comply with the requirements listed in Section A may result in sanctions as described in section B above.

Renown Medical Group

Employer Company/Business Name

Rahul Mediwala

RMG CEO

Employer Representative Name (first/last)

Title

Rahul

2/18/2024

Employer Signature

Date

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

State of:

County of:

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 18 day of Feb, 2026

Stacie Lee Tuitele

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: 12/13/2028



Additional Practice Sites:

Practice Site Information:

Practice Site #3: Renown South Meadows Medical Center

Practice Site #3 Address: 10101 Double R Blvd., Reno, NV 89521.

Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site per week: 8 hrs/wk. Select all that apply:

In a HPSA: HPSA #132371732 In a MUA/MUP: MUA #02096

Specialist Information for site #3:

Current specialist to patient ratio at facility: Same as above.

Optimum specialist to patient ratio: Same as above.

Current number of specialist vacancies: Same as above.

Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Same as above.

Practice Site #4: Clinic

Practice Site #4 Address: 10201 Double R Blvd. Ste. 330, Reno, NV 89521.

Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site per week: 8 hrs/wk. Select all that apply:

In a HPSA: HPSA #132371732 In a MUA/MUP: MUA #02096

Specialist Information for site #4:

Current specialist to patient ratio at facility: Same as above.

Optimum specialist to patient ratio: Same as above.

Current number of specialist vacancies: Same as above.

Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Same as above.

Practice Site #5: Clinic

Practice Site #5 Address: 2300 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701.

Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site per week: 8 hrs/wk. Select all that apply:

In a HPSA: HPSA #1321366204 In a MUA/MUP: MUA #02094

Specialist Information for site #5:

Current specialist to patient ratio at facility: Same as above.

Optimum specialist to patient ratio: Same as above.

Current number of specialist vacancies: Same as above.

Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Same as above.

<b>Facility Name:</b> Renown Health – Cardiology		
<b>Time Period of Report:</b>		
9/1/2024 - 9/30/2025	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	82,795	61.33%
Medicaid visits	11,463	8.49%
NV Check-up	-	0
Sliding Fee Scale	-	0
Indigent/Charity	2223	1.65%
Private Insurance	33,107	24.53%
Other {please provide a breakdown of this percentage}	5401	4.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>134,989</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>*For specialists/hospitalists:</b>		
<b>*Time period of report:</b>		
<b>*# of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type</b>	Cardiology is a consult service and does not directly admit patients - This is done through our Hospital Medicine Team.	

Please provide the number of providers {Full Time Equivalents, FTE} providing patient services at the practice site.

# of MDs by FTE	18.1
# of PAs by FTE	1.8
# of APNs by FTE	13.4

**Tab D:**

Describe and document the employer's recruitment and retention efforts. The employer must demonstrate that a suitable physician with US citizenship cannot be found through recruitment or any other means for at least two months prior to the submission of the application. Employers in rural communities may request a waiver of the two-month recruitment period in cases of emergency, where



**Renown Health**  
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 Reno, NV 89502-1474  
[www.renown.org](http://www.renown.org)

December 22, 2025

REVISED: 3/12/26

Attn: Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program  
 Nevada Primary Care Office  
 4150 Technology Way, Suite 300  
 Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our organization is submitting this letter as part of our application process to the Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program. We would like to obtain a Conrad 30 J-1 Visa waiver on behalf of Panicker Renni Robinson, MD who is completing his Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship in June 2026 at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, LA. We also request that the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) act as an **Interested Government Agency** on behalf of Renown Health.

Sponsoring Organization

Renown Health - 1155 Mill Street, Reno NV 89502

Worksite Name and Address

Dr. Robinson is expected to see Cardiology patients at the below clinical sites:

Practice Site Name:	Renown Medical Group Cardiology
Name and title of contact person	Cathy Sprinkel
Contact information	Phone: 775.750.6976
	Email: <a href="mailto:cathy.sprinkel@renown.org">cathy.sprinkel@renown.org</a>
Practice Site(s) Address	
Clinic	1500 E. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Ste. 400
	Reno, NV 89502
HPSA ID	1323717372 Score: 14
MUA/P:	Yes. ID 02096
Renown Regional Medical Center	1155 Mill Street
	Reno, NV 89502
HPSA ID	1323717372 Score: 14
MUA/P:	Yes. ID 02096
Clinic	10201 Double R. Blvd Ste. 330
	Reno, NV 89521
HPSA ID:	1323717372 Score: 14
MUA/P:	Yes ID 02096
Renown South Meadows Medical Center	10101 Double R. Blvd.
	Reno, NV 89521
HPSA ID:	1323717372 Score: 14
MUA/P	Yes. ID 02096

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Clinic	2300 S. Carson Street
	Carson City, NV 89701
HPSA ID	1321366204 Score: 14
MUA/P	Yes. 02094

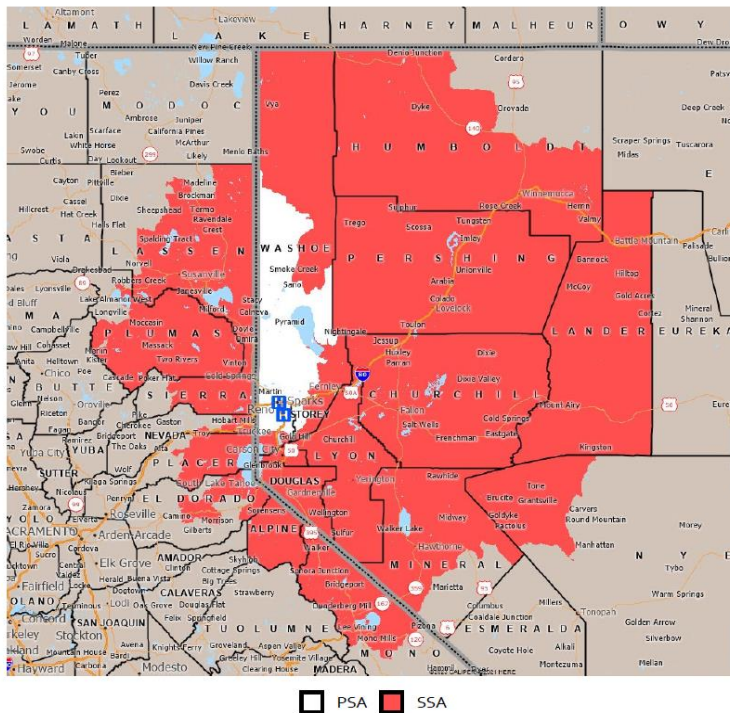
Service Area

Renown Health is the largest locally governed not-for-profit academic healthcare system in Nevada. We are proud to serve more than one million people in our 100,000 square mile reach. Areas of service across Nevada include Reno/Sparks (Washoe County), with a population of 500,000+ with an expected growth rate of 1.3% annually. Our service area is considered a Medically Underserved Area. In addition to Washoe County, our catchment area includes, but is not limited to, the reach across Nevada, Lake Tahoe, and Eastern California. Renown Health is home to the only Level II Trauma Center situated between Sacramento, CA and Salt Lake City, UT as well as the Region’s only Children’s Hospital.

The population of Renown’s primary service area is estimated at 488,135 in 2023, with an expected increase of 4.2% to 508,508 by 2028. The population of the secondary service area is estimated at 376,704 in 2023, with an expected increase of 2.2% to 384,982 by 2028. Overall, the total service area population is estimated at 864,839 in 2023 with a forecasted population of 893,490 by 2028. (2023 Physician Needs Assessment – Renown Health)

**SERVICE AREA DEFINITION**

Renown Health (Renown) total service area has been defined as the 102 ZIP Codes surrounding Reno, NV.





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Specialty	Solucient <sup>1</sup>	PHYSICIANS PER 100,000 POPULATION				Society/ Academy Workforce Taskforces	GMENAC 1990 Requirements	Average
		NAMCS/ MGMA Calculation	U.S. Physician Supply (AMA)	Nevada Physician Supply (AMA)				

Cardiology	4.22	5.37	5.92	4.03		3.18	4.55
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Specialty	Total Service Area FTEs	Primary Service Area (PSA) FTEs	Secondary Service Area (SSA) FTEs
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Cardiology	(14.95)	(5.11)	(9.83)
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Site Specific Staffing information:

Cardiology:

- Total number of Cardiology Physicians:
  - Cardiology general: (11.3 FTE)
  - Cardiology Interventional: (4.0 FTE)
  - Cardiology EP: (2.8 FTE)
- Total number of physician vacancies by specialty:
  - Cardiology general: 4
  - Cardiology interventional: 0
  - Cardiology EP: 2

Description of Need for the Service Area

There is an acute need for Cardiology providers with training in Washoe County and the greater Northern Nevada area, particularly in the rural underserved communities. Nevada is known as a Cardiology desert and there is estimated to be fewer than 1 cardiologist per 10,000 people throughout the state.

In November 2021, the low-income population of Reno was confirmed by the Department of Health and Human Services as a Health Professional shortage area (HPSA ID 1323717372), with a HPSA score of 14. This problem is worsened by the fact that many Cardiology practices in the area do not accept Medicaid. Renown Health, along with The University of Nevada Reno, are committed to the community we serve - particularly those living at or below poverty. Renown Health is one of the few Cardiology practices in the greater Northern Nevada area that treats all patients regardless of their insurance carrier, including Medicaid. The Renown Institute for Heart and Vascular Health is also the only hospital-affiliated, Reno-area Cardiology practice that provides on-site rural Cardiology services including to the Fallon, Fernley, and Southern Carson City/Gardnerville area. Furthermore, RIHVH provides remote Cardiology services to rural locations including South Lyon Medical Center, Mount Grant General Hospital, and Battle Mountain General Hospital in addition to rural centers in Northeastern California. Renown Regional Medical Center serves as the primary transfer site for acute cardiac conditions across all of Northern Nevada with a coverage area of 100,000 square miles.

Renown Institute for Heart and Vascular Health (Cardiology) has an immediate need for additional Cardiology providers. The current wait time for a new patient appointment with a Cardiologist at Renown Health is over 7 weeks. These wait



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times can be even longer at our rural sites, and many patients must drive to Reno to see a provider. Our intention is for all new providers to be involved in rural out-reach care both on-site and remotely.

#### Recruitment Effort

Renown Health is academically affiliated with the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, which maintains Residencies in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, and Pediatrics. UNRSOM does not currently have a Fellowship in Cardiology, therefore, it does not provide an organic pipeline for this specialty. Renown Health has actively pursued other avenues to secure viable candidates in this specialty and recruitment efforts in pursuit of qualified Cardiologists have been ongoing. However, due to a lack of qualified applicants, since October 2024 Renown Health has only hired 1 cardiologist who is new to the Reno area despite an estimated need for an additional 3 general cardiologists and 2 electrophysiologists. Dr. Robinson was sourced under our Cardiology advertising and outreach efforts that are open to all qualified applicants.

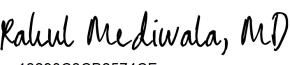
Sourcing efforts were conducted to find candidates through:

- External Job Career Site: [Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers | Renown Health](#)
- Advertising and outreach to Practicing physicians as well as Residents and Fellowship programs through Job Boards or subscriptions – PracticeMatch, Doximity, HealtheCareers, CareerMD, DocCafe. Additional Email campaigns targeting Residents and Fellows utilizing mailing lists and database profiling.
- External Contingent Search Firm engagement
- Renown recruiter attendance at regional career fairs.

We appreciate your consideration of this J-1 waiver application, should you have any questions please feel free to contact our immigration counsel:

Andy Desposito, Esq.  
Immigration Firm  
[andy@immigrationfirm.net](mailto:andy@immigrationfirm.net)

Sincerely,

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Rahul Mediwala, MD  
Chief Executive Officer – Renown Medical Group  
Renown Health

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# **Panicker Renni Robinson, MD**

## **Fellowship**

Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA - July 2023 to June 2026

Geriatric Medicine Fellowship - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA - July 2022 to June 2023

## **Residency**

Internal Medicine Residency - Ochsner University Hospital and Clinics, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Lafayette, LA - July 2019 to June 2022

## **Medical School**

Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University, India - Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.B.S), August 2010 to June 2017

## **Research Experience**

Research trainee in the Department of Infectious Diseases at The Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, AZ - September 2018 to June 2019

## **Licensure**

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners License - 2019 to Present

## **Board Certification**

Internal Medicine Board Certified - August 2022

Geriatric Medicine Board Certification - December 2023

## **Committee Membership**

Member of the Antibiotic Stewardship Committee, Ochsner University Hospital and Clinics, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Lafayette, LA - July 2019 to June 2022

Member of the Critical Care Committee, Ochsner University Hospital and Clinics, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Lafayette, LA - July 2019 to June 2022

Member of Graduate Medical Education Committee, Ochsner University Hospital and Clinic, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Lafayette, LA - July 2019 to June 2022

## **Leadership Positions**

House Staff Association Officer, Ochsner University Hospital and Clinics, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Lafayette, LA - July 2021 to June 2022

Clinic Firm Leader, Ochsner University Hospital and Clinics, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Lafayette, LA - July 2021 to June 2022

Intern Recruitment Committee Chief, Ochsner University Hospital and Clinics, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Lafayette, LA - July 2020 to June 2022

## **Peer Reviewed Online Publication**

Nathan L Delafield, Zhubene Mesbah, Curtis R Lacy, Jr, **Renni R Panicker**, Shabana F Pasha, Lester E Mertz, James A Yiannias, Janis E Blair. (2021, January 08). Coccidioidomycosis in patients with various inflammatory disorders treated with tumor necrosis factor inhibitors. <https://academic.oup.com/mmy/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/mmy/myaa109/6071840> Pub Status: Published.

**Renni R Panicker**, Helen C Bartels, Michael B Gotway, Neil M Ampel, Matthew R Buras, Elisabeth S Lim, Janis E Blair. (2021, March 16). Cavitory Coccidioidomycosis: Impact of azole antifungal therapy. <https://academic.oup.com/mmy/advance-article/doi/10.1093/mmy/myab011/6174031?guestAccessKey=c2934798-29fc-46e9-94a2-0476923921de> Pub Status: Published.

## **Non-Peer Reviewed Online Publication**

**Panicker,R**, Sajjad.H, Ajit.A, Kaur-Khera.J, Shahid.S, Sells.N. (2022, June 23). A curious case of the “Pox” Stroke. <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/731192994/4/> Pub Status: Published.

Sajjad.H, Chan.R, **Panicker.R**, Shahid.S, Brown.W, Fashho.M. (2021, May 14). Ticagrelor Induced Diffuse Alveolar Hemorrhage after PCI Intervention. [https://doi.org/10.1164/ajrccm-conference.2021.203.1\\_MeetingAbstracts.A2133](https://doi.org/10.1164/ajrccm-conference.2021.203.1_MeetingAbstracts.A2133).

## **Poster Presentation**

**Panicker.R**, Gavini. S, Rahman. M. (2024, April 7). ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction Post Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement: Anomalous Indeed. 73rd Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology, Atlanta, GA

Chauhan.S, Van.A, **Panicker.R**, Rahman.M. (2022, May 26). A case of ruptured Sinus of Valsalva aneurysm in the setting of pulmonary hypertension. Our Lady of the Lake Research Day, Baton Rouge, LA

Kuo.J, **Panicker.R**, Lee.R, Dao.T, Sells.N. (2022, January 29). A Rare Case of Multidrug-resistant Pseudomonas endocarditis in a Patient with Refractory Bacteremia. Louisiana ACC, New Orleans, LA

**Panicker.R**, Ajit.A, Khera.J, Kuo.J. Bienvenu.M. (2022, January 22). To “Band” or not to “Band”, That is the Question. Louisiana ACP, New Orleans, LA

**Panicker.R**, Ajit.A, Habba.K, Sakhamuri.P, Vaugh-Allen.D, Prechter.J, Pickard.B, Bou-Mikael.Y. (2022, January 22). Utilization of DEXA Scan to Detect Early Occult Osteoporosis in High Risk Patients- QI Project. Louisiana ACP, New Orleans, LA

Kuo.J, **Panicker. R**, Rodriguez-Quinones.J. (2022, January 22). Dual Simultaneous Defibrillation in Refractory Ventricular Fibrillation and Ventricular Tachycardia. Louisiana ACP, New Orleans, LA

**Panicker R**, Acosta. S, Clark. C, Shaik. B, Salagundla. N (2021, March 13) A Case of Syphilitic Aortic Dissection. Louisiana ACP, New Orleans, LA

Chedid. C, **Panicker. R**, Varnado. K, Rosson. J, (2021, March 13) Treating Thyroid Storm When You Don't Have The Guts. Louisiana ACP, New Orleans, LA

Sajjad. H, Chan. R, **Panicker. R**, Shahid. S, Brown. W, FashhoM (2021, March 13) Ticagrelor Induced Diffuse Alveolar Hemorrhage after PCI Intervention. Louisiana ACP, New Orleans, LA

Lee. R, Bondugula. M, Ajit. A, **Panicker. R**, Habbal. K, Prechter. J, Sakhamur. iP (2021, March 13) Overuse of Telemetry in Medicine Wards - A Quality Improvement Project. Louisiana ACP, New Orleans, LA

Bondugula. M, **Panicker. R**, Lee. R, Habbal. K, Dao. T, Salagundla. N (2020, November 13) A multidisciplinary quality improvement plan to reduce 30 day heart failure readmissions. American College of Cardiology, New Orleans, LA

Lee. R, Perkins. M, **Panicker. R**, Lodha. A (2020, November 13) Multivalve Endocarditis and Aortic Root Abscess with associated rupture of the Sinus of Valsalva due to Streptococcus pneumoniae. American College of Cardiology/New Orleans, LA

Ajit. A, Lee. R, **Panicker. R**, Salagundla. N, Benoit-Clark. T, Sells. N (2020, March 06) Sternoclavicular joint septic arthritis secondary to uncontrolled diabetes mellitus, Louisiana ACP, New Orleans, LA

Patel. R, Randive. R, Bondugula. M, Lee. R, **Panicker. R**, Ajit. A, Habbal. K (2020, March 06) Provider Driven Approach for Improved Vaccination Rate: A Quality Improvement Project. Louisiana ACP, New Orleans, LA

Shaik. B, Mahmood. A, Lee. E, **Panicker. R**, Rosson. J, Salagundla. N, Curry. K (2020, March 06) An Interesting Case of Castleman's disease. Louisiana ACP, New Orleans, LA

**Panicker. R**, Coe. J, Ajit. A, Salagundla. N (2020, February 13) Ibuprofen induced Type 1 Renal Tubular Acidosis. Southern Regional Meetings, New Orleans, LA

### **Invited Oral Presentations**

**Panicker.R (Presenter)**, Avaneesh Jakkoju (Presenter). (2025, March 29) 37th International Conference on Case Studies/Recent Advances in Echocardiography and Allied, Chicago, IL

**Panicker.R (Presenter)**, Jain, Neeraj. (2024, April 6) An Unexpected Twist In A Case of Peripheral Arterial Disease. 73rd Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology, Atlanta, GA

**Renni R Panicker (Presenter)**, Helen C Bartels, Michael B Gotway, Neil M Ampel, Matthew R Buras, Elisabeth S Lim, Janis E Blair (2019, April 06) Cavitory Coccidioidomycosis: Impact of azole antifungal therapy [Oral Presentation] 63rd annual meeting of the Coccidioidomycosis Study Group/Sacramento, CA

## **J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation**

### **Candidates Information:**

Full Name: Santhi Nirmala Sanjana Narasimhadeva

Place of Birth: India

Country of Citizenship: India

DOS Case Number: 2012912

Residency Discipline: Internal Medicine

Residency Timeframe: 07/2021 to 06/2024

Location of Residency: BronxCare Health System, NY

Fellowship/Specialty: Endocrinology

Fellowship Timeframe: 07/2024 to 06/2026

Location of Fellowship: UCLA Harbor Medical Center, CA.

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### **Employers Information:**

Employer's Full Name: Renown Medical Group, LLC

Employer's Address: 10315 Professional Circle, Reno, NV 89502

Employer's Point of Contact Name: Dr. Rahul Mediwala, M.D.

Employer's Email Address: rahul.mediwala@renown.org

Employer's Phone Number: 775-982-2781

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### **Official Legal Representative Information:**

Law Firm Name: The Sharma Law Office, P.A.

Law Firm Address: 3571 Cardinal Point Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32257

Point of Contact Name: Andy Desposito, Esq.

Point of Contact Email Address: andy@immigrationfirm.net

Point of Contact Phone Number: 760-481-5100

### **Practice Site Information:**

Practice Site #1: Renown Medical Group Endocrinology

Practice Site #1 Address: 10085 Double R Blvd. #310

Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site per week: 40 hrs. / wk.

Select all that apply:

- In a HPSA HPSA #1323717372       In a MUA/MUP MUA #02096       Flex Spot  
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)       Tribal Health Center  
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC)       Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Health Hospital

**\*For specialists, hospitalists and/or flex locations please fill out the below section of the form that pertains to you.**

**Specialist Information for site #1:**

Current specialist to patient ratio at facility: Varies. See attached J-1 Visa Application Summary Letter.  
Optimum specialist to patient ratio: Varies. See attached J-1 Visa Application Summary Letter.  
Current number of specialist vacancies: 2.  
Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: 10 miles away to one other physician 135 miles away to the next closest.

**Hospitalist Information for site #1:**

Current hospitalist to patient ratio: Current Ratio.  
Optimum hospitalist to patient ratio: Current Ratio.  
Current number of hospitalist vacancies: Current Vacancies.  
Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Distance travelled.

**Flex Spot Information for site #1:**

Percentage of population served at or below 200% federal poverty level: % under 200% FPL  
Wait times for serving this population: Wait times.  
Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Distance travelled.  
Current physician to patient ratio at facility: Current Ratio.  
Optimum physician to patient ratio: Current Ratio.  
Please list any barriers to serve this population: Click or tap here to enter text.

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**Additional Practice Sites:**

**Practice Site Information:**

Practice Site #2: Name of Practice Site 2.  
Practice Site #2 Address: Address of Practice Site 2.  
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site per week: Number of hours at site 2.  
Select all that apply:

- In a HPSA HPSA #       In a MUA/MUP MUA #       Flex Spot  
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)       Tribal Health Center  
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC)       Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Health Hospital

**\*For specialists, hospitalists and/or flex locations please fill out the below section of the form that pertains to you.**

**Specialist Information for site #2:**

Current specialist to patient ratio at facility: Current Ratio.

Optimum specialist to patient ratio: Current Ratio.

Current number of specialist vacancies: Current Vacancies.

Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Distance travelled.

**Hospitalist Information for site #2:**

Current hospitalist to patient ratio: Current Ratio.

Optimum hospitalist to patient ratio: Current Ratio.

Current number of hospitalist vacancies: Current Vacancies.

Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Distance travelled.

**Flex Spot Information for site #2:**

Percentage of population served at or below 200% federal poverty level: % under 200% FPL Wait times for serving this population: Wait times.

Approximate distance to nearest provider of the same specialty: Distance travelled. Current physician to patient ratio at facility: Current Ratio.

Optimum physician to patient ratio: Current Ratio.

Please list any barriers to serve this population: Click or tap here to enter text.

\*If there are more than 2 practice sites, please add all additional practice locations with the above information, at the end of this form.\*

Employer and Candidate, seek a letter of support from the Physician Visa Waiver Program and requests the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to forward the J-1 Visa Waiver application to the U.S. Department of State as a State Health Agency request, per DS-3035. Employer and Candidate have agreed to comply with the duties set forth in Chapter 439A of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and to cooperate with the Physician Visa Waiver Program.

In signing below, an authorized representative of the Employer and the Candidate declares under penalty of perjury that all statements submitted with this application are true and accurate and this application complies with the requirements of NRS 439A.175 and NAC 439.730 including as follows:

**All practices sites where the Candidate will practice:**

- Are located in a federally designated Primary Care HPSA, MUA/P or a site approved by the state as a geographic exception or a flex slot (Public Law 108-441) to address the underserved;
- Accept Medicare, Medicaid assignment and Nevada Checkup;

- Offer a sliding discount fee schedule and a minimum fee based on family size & income; and
- Has a policy stating all patients will receive treatment, regardless of their ability to pay which is either posted at the site or provided to the patients.

**The contract between the Employer and the Candidate provides the following:**

- Candidate agrees to provide services during 3 -year waiver obligation.
- Candidate will provide services 40 hours per week minimum plus on-call time.
- The salary meets or exceeds the prevailing wage for that area and for physicians of that specialty as reported by the Foreign Labor Certification Center, Department of Labor, (<http://www.flcdatacenter.com>):
- The amount of time off for vacation, sick leave and for Continuing Medical Education is included. The employer shall maintain records to show the amount of time-off requested and the amount of time taken.
- Does not contain a “non-compete” clause that would prohibit the J-1 Visa Waiver physician from opening a new clinic or working in a clinic in that shortage area upon completing the three-year commitment.
- Conditions for termination of the contract, for both the physician and employer, are included. A “no-cause” termination is not allowed.
- Any new contracts or amendments during the 3-year obligation will be sent to the PCO for review and approval before signature.
- Agreement to begin employment at the stated practice site within 90 days of receiving a waiver from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). During the 90 days, the physician must obtain the required licenses from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the State Board of Pharmacy, and any other licenses as may be required for the physician to practice medicine in Nevada; and
- A statement that the physician agrees to meet the requirements set forth in section 214(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

*Please note in accordance with NRS Chapter 239, all public records, the contents not otherwise declared by law to be confidential, shall be open for inspection or to obtain copies.*

## PHYSICIAN Eligibility Requirements

- A. **Eligibility:** To be eligible for a letter of support by the Nevada Primary Care Office (PCO) within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) a physician **must:**
1. Complete a residency or fellowship training program and intend to practice in Nevada for a minimum of three consecutive years.
  2. Submit all relevant application components
  3. Review and understand all terms included in the employment contract, including expectations for working hours, hospital rounds, and on-call requirements. The PCO has limited authority under NRS 439A.180 to ensure program requirements are met and cannot mediate labor disputes; therefore, the physician must review all contracts carefully before signing. Labor disputes or medical safety issues will be referred to the federal Department of Labor or to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
  4. Agree to notify the PCO of the start date of employment using the New Arrival Form.
  5. Agree to review the Rights and Responsibilities presentation upon start of employment (presentation located online at [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Information, Instructions & Forms](#)).
  6. Agree to report additional employment. Any additional or outside employment in which the J-1 Visa Waiver physician engages must be stipulated in the original contract or added to a new contract which must then be resigned by all parties and resubmitted to the Primary Care Office (PCO) for recommendation and for USCIS approval, if applicable.
  7. Agree to limit absence from the practice site to a maximum of 180 consecutive days. If the physician is absent from medical practice more than 180 consecutive days, the physician must submit an updated New Arrival Form to the DPBH, PCO.
  8. Agree to treat all clients regardless of ability to pay, accept Medicaid and Medicare patients on assignment, and use a sliding fee scale for low-income, uninsured individuals. The practice site must provide notice to the public, as evidenced by a sign in the waiting area regarding this policy.
  9. Agree to obtain, within sixty days of start date, an individual National Provider Identifier (NPI) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which will be used on all health care claims.
  10. Agree to report practices within the practice site setting that do not meet the standards of care as established by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners. <http://www.medboard.nv.gov/>. NRS 41A.009 “Medical malpractice” defined. “Medical malpractice” means the failure of a physician, hospital or employee of a hospital, in rendering services, to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances.
  11. Report semi-annually (April and October), via the Compliance form on the status of the physician services for

the previous six months and where those services were provided.

12. Agree to immediately report all changes to the work schedule, which will be in effect longer than three weeks, to the PCO on the appropriate change of status form [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Instruction, Information & Forms \(nv.gov\)](#). These changes include, but are not limited to, a temporary assignment to another practice site, a decrease in hours at the practice site, an increase of call-time requirement, an increase in hospital-rounds time, and an increase in emergency room call. The most recent form on file will be used by the DPBH to assess whether the physician and employer are compliant with these policies and state law.
13. Notify the DPBH, PCO, in writing, thirty days prior to transfer, in the event of physician transfer from the approved facility to another facility within the medical practice or with another provider. The DPBH reserves the right to approve or disapprove the transfer.
14. Notify the DPBH, PCO, in writing, within thirty days of disciplinary action and/or termination. In the event of any emergency termination due to extreme circumstances affecting the health or safety of clients or other individuals, the DPBH must be notified, no later than twenty-four hours after the emergency termination.

**B. Consequences of Default:**

A physician is in default if, at any time, he or she does not meet the conditions listed in section A. The DPBH, PCO will monitor the physician and the medical practice. A physician found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 439A.130 to 439A.185 or Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 439A.700 to 439A.755 will incur the penalties specified under NAC 439A.750.

## EMPLOYER Eligibility Requirements

- A. **Eligibility:** To be eligible to employ a J-1 Visa Waiver physician, a medical practice must comply with these requirements:
1. Located in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), a federally designated Medically Underserved Area or Population (MUA/P), or a “flex slot” documenting service to underserved populations, as verified by the state. Determine if locations are designated at the following link: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area>
  2. The site must have been operating at least six months before requesting a physician under the J-1 visa waiver program.
  3. Submit all relevant application components
  4. Agree to review the Rights and Responsibilities presentation upon the start of employment (presentation located online at [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Instruction, Information & Forms](#))
  5. Report additional employment of the physician. Any additional or outside employment in which the J1 Visa Waiver physician engages must be stipulated in the original contract or added to a new contract which must then be resigned by all parties and resubmitted to the Primary Care Office (PCO) for recommendation for USCIS approval, if applicable.
  6. The practice site must accept all patients regardless of ability to pay, accept Medicaid and Medicare on assignment, and use a sliding-fee scale based on federal poverty guidelines to discount services to lowincome uninsured persons. The medical practice must provide notice to the public that such a policy is in effect and apply these access standards to the entire medical practice, not simply to those patients treated by the J-1 Visa Waiver physician. These requirements should be in place for at least three months immediately preceding the request for waiver.
  7. Agree that the physician will use an individual National Provider Identifier (NPI) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on all Medicaid health care claims.
  8. Report semi-annually (April and October), via the Compliance form on the status of the physician services for the previous six months and where those services were provided.
  9. Agree to report practices within the practice site setting that do not meet the standards of care as established by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners. <http://www.medboard.nv.gov/>. NRS 41A.009 “Medical malpractice” defined. “Medical malpractice” means the failure of a physician, hospital or employee of a hospital, in rendering services, to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances
  10. Agree to immediately report all changes to the work schedule, which will be in effect longer than three

weeks, to the PCO on the appropriate change of status form [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Instruction, Information & Forms \(nv.gov\)](#). These changes include, but are not limited to, a temporary assignment to another practice site, a decrease in hours at the practice site, an increase of call-time requirement, an increase in hospital-rounds time, and an increase in emergency room call. The most recent form on file will be used by the DPBH to assess whether the physician and employer are compliant with these policies and state law.

11. Notify the PCO, in writing, at least thirty days prior to a transfer from the approved facility to another facility within the medical practice. For a transfer outside the medical practice, the PCO must be notified, in writing, at the earliest opportunity. The PCO reserves the right to approve or disapprove all transfers.
12. Notify the PCO, in writing, within thirty days of disciplinary action and/or termination. In the event of any emergency termination due to extreme circumstances affecting the health or safety of clients or other individuals, the PCO must be notified no later than twenty-four hours after the emergency termination.
13. Understand that the PCO does not have the authority to mediate between employer and employees participating in the J-1 Visa Waiver program, or to enforce labor standards. Further, the PCO assumes no responsibility for negotiations or content of employment contracts or for termination of the contracts. If the PCO becomes aware of such issues, it will recommend seeking advice from an attorney or contacting the appropriate agency (i.e., Medicaid Fraud and Abuse, Department of Labor, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Medical Board of Examiners). The PCO will, however, investigate allegations of wrongdoing and issue a written determination of findings.

**B. Consequences of Default:**

An employer is in default if, at any time, he or she does not meet the conditions listed in section A. The DPBH, PCO will monitor the physician and the medical practice. An employer found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 439A.130 to 439A.185 or Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 439A.700 to 439A.755 will incur the penalties specified under NAC 439A.750.

By signing below, I hereby attest that the above requirements have been met and I hereby agree to abide by all the program policies and rules as described in NRS and NAC and as further required under the Rights and Responsibilities located at the Divisions website at: <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Conrad30/Conrad30-Home/>.

**Candidate/Physician:**

I SANTHI NIRMALA SANJANA NARASIMHADE <sup>VARA</sup>, declare under penalty of perjury, that I have read, understand and agree to the foregoing terms of the Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation. I further understand that failure to comply with the requirements listed in Section A may result in sanctions as described in section B above.

SANTHI NIRMALA SANJANA NARASIMHADEVARA, MD  
Candidate Name (first/last) Title

[Signature] 02/17/2026  
Candidate Signature Date

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

State of:  
County of:  
Subscribed and sworn before me on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2026

Notary Signature [Signature]  
My Commission Expires: November 21, 2026



**Authorized Employer:**

I Rahul Mediwala, declare under penalty of perjury, that I have read, understand and agree to the foregoing terms. I further understand that failure to comply with the requirements listed in Section A may result in sanctions as described in section B above.

Renown Medical Group  
Employer Company/Business Name

Rahul Mediwala RMG CEO  
Employer Representative Name (first/last) Title

[Signature] 2/18/2026  
Employer Signature Date

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

State of:  
County of:  
Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 18 day of Feb, 2026

[Signature]  
Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: 12/13/2028



<b>Facility Name:</b> Renown Health		
<b>Time Period of Report:</b>		
9/1/2024 - 9/30/2025	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	3.796	40.33
Medicaid visits	752	7.99
NV Check-up	-	0
Sliding Fee Scale	-	0
Indigent/Charity	35	0.37
Private Insurance	4582	48.68
Other (please provide a breakdown of this percentage)	247	2.62
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9412</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>*For specialists/hospitalists:</b>		
<b>*Time period of report:</b>		
*# of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type	Endocrinology does not directly admit patients - This is done through our Hospital Medicine Team.	

- Please provide the number of providers (Full Time Equivalents, FTE) providing patient services at the practice site.

# of MDs by FTE	2
# of PAs by FTE	0
# of APNs by FTE	1

**Tab D:**

- Describe and document the employer’s recruitment and retention efforts. The employer must demonstrate that a suitable physician with US citizenship cannot be found through recruitment or any other means for at least two months prior to the submission of the application. Employers in rural communities may request a waiver of the two-month recruitment period in cases of emergency, where



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December 1, 2025

REVISED: 3/13/26

Attn: Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program  
 Nevada Primary Care Office  
 4150 Technology Way, Suite 300  
 Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our organization is submitting this letter as part of our application process to the Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program. We would like to obtain a Conrad 30 J-1 Visa waiver on behalf of Santhi Nirmala Sanjana Narasimhadevara, MD who is completing her Endocrinology Fellowship in June 2026 at UCLA Harbor Medical Center.

We also request that the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) act as an **Interested Government Agency** on behalf of Renown Health

Sponsoring Organization

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Worksite Name and Address

Dr. Narasimhadevara is expected to see Endocrinology patients at our outpatient clinical site.

Practice Site Name:	Renown Medical Group Endocrinology
Name and title of contact person	Cathy Sprinkel, Manager of Provider Recruitment
Contact information	Phone: 775.750.6976
	Email: <a href="mailto:cathy.sprinkel@renown.org">cathy.sprinkel@renown.org</a>
Practice Site(s) Address	10085 Double R Blvd #310
	Reno, NV 89521
HPSA ID:	1323717372 Score: 14
MUA/P	Yes. ID 02096

Service Area

Renown Health is the largest locally governed not-for-profit healthcare system in Nevada. We are proud to serve more than one million people in our 100,000 square mile reach. Areas of service across Nevada include Reno/Sparks (Washoe County), with a population of 500,000+ with an expected growth rate of 1.3% annually. Our service area is considered a Medically Underserved Area. In addition to Washoe County, our catchment area includes, but is not limited to, the reach across Nevada, Lake Tahoe, and Eastern California. Renown Health is home to the only Level II Trauma Center situated between Sacramento, CA and Salt Lake City, UT as well as the Region’s only Children’s Hospital.

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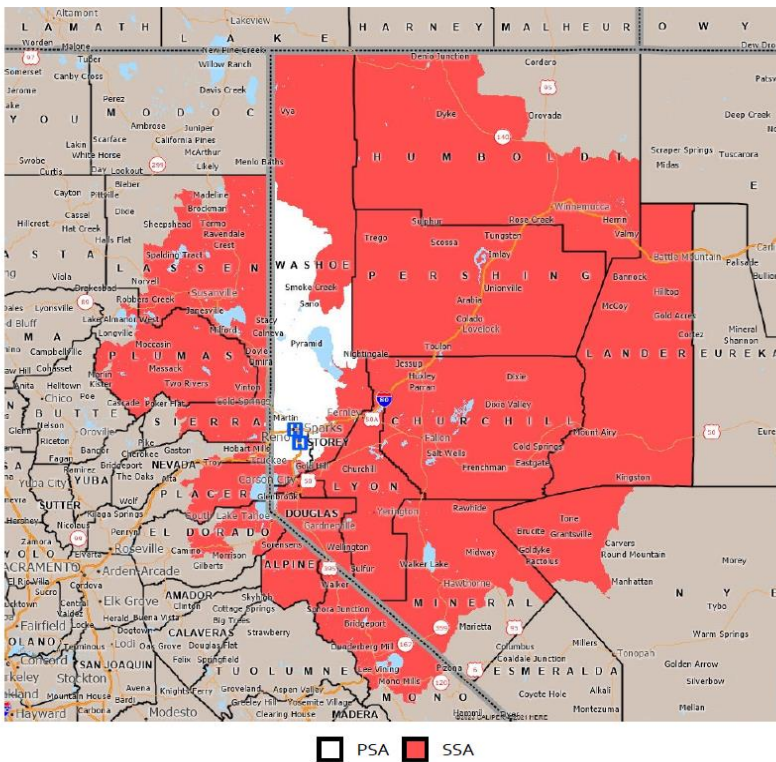


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The population of Renown’s primary service area is estimated at 488,135 in 2023, with an expected increase of 4.2% to 508,508 by 2028. The population of the secondary service area is estimated at 376,704 in 2023, with an expected increase of 2.2% to 384,982 by 2028. Overall, the total service area population is estimated at 864,839 in 2023 with a forecasted population of 893,490 by 2028. (2023 Physician Needs Assessment – Renown Health)

## SERVICE AREA DEFINITION

Renown Health (Renown) total service area has been defined as the 102 ZIP Codes surrounding Reno, NV.



□ PSA ■ SSA

PHYSICIANS PER 100,000 POPULATION							
Specialty	Solucient <sup>1</sup>	NAMCS/ MGMA Calculation	U.S. Physician Supply (AMA)	Nevada Physician Supply (AMA)	Society/ Academy Workforce Taskforces	GMENAC 1990 Requirements	Average
Endocrinology					1.60	0.84	1.22

### Physician Surpluses/Deficits Calculated using Ratio Methodology.

Specialty	Total Service Area FTEs	Primary Service Area (PSA) FTEs	Secondary Service Area (SSA) FTEs
Endocrinology	(2.11)	(0.01)	(2.10)



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### Site Specific Staffing information:

#### OP Endocrinology:

- Total number of OP Endocrinology Physicians:
  - Endocrinology – 2 Physicians (2.0 FTE)
  - Endocrinology – 1 Nurse Practitioner (1.0 FTE)
- Total number of vacancies by specialty:
  - 2 Outpatient Endocrinology Physicians

### Description of Need for the Service Area

Renown Health is prioritizing endocrinology recruitment to address a projected physician shortage—52% of current endocrinologists in the total service area are over age 55, and the 65+ population is expected to grow by 15.1% by 2028. The total service area will increase by 3.3% (from 864,839 in 2023 to 893,490 in 2028), with the primary area growing by 4.2% and the secondary by 2.2%. Chronic endocrine conditions are prevalent in underserved communities, and disparities persist despite higher median incomes. Timely access remains a challenge: based on our patient experience surveys, only 70.8% of patients reported getting an endocrinology appointment “as soon as needed,” 8.1 percentage points below the national benchmark, and the current wait time for new patients is over 30 days. By recruiting endocrinologists, Renown Health can bridge care gaps, improve access for Medicaid and Medicare populations, and enhance outcomes for patients as the community grows and ages.

### Recruitment Efforts (Tab D)

Renown Health is academic partner with the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine which maintains Residency in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, and Pediatrics. UNR MED does not currently have Fellowship in Endocrinology, therefore, it does not provide an organic pipeline for this specialty. The specialty of Endocrinology poses challenges to recruitment efforts due to low candidate pool and high demand nationally. Renown Health has actively pursued other avenues to secure viable candidates in this specialty. Recruitment efforts in pursuit of Endocrinology Physicians for outpatient services have been underway since October 2021 in efforts to find a replacement physician for attrition as well as recruiting 2 growth positions to allow patient access to much needed Endocrinology care. We currently have 2 open Endocrinology Full-time physician positions. Dr. Narasimhadevara was sourced under our Endocrinology efforts.

Sourcing efforts have been continuously conducted to find Endocrinology Physicians since October, 2021 with minimal activity. These sourcing efforts were conducted to find candidates through:

- External Job Career Site: [Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers | Renown Health](#)
- Advertising and outreach to Practicing physicians as well as Residents and Fellowship programs through Job Boards or subscriptions – PracticeMatch, Doximity, HealtheCareers, CareerMD, DocCafe. Additional Email campaigns targeting Residents and Fellows utilizing mailing lists and database profiling.
- External Contingent Search Firm engagement

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- Renown recruiter attendance at regional career fairs.

We appreciate your consideration of this J-1 waiver application, should you have any questions please feel free to contact our immigration counsel:

Andy Desposito, Esq.  
Immigration Firm  
[andy@immigrationfirm.net](mailto:andy@immigrationfirm.net)

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Rahul Mediwala, MD  
Chief Executive Officer – Renown Medical Group  
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# SANTHI NIRMALA SANJANA NARASIMHADEVARA



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## SUMMARY

Board-certified Internal Medicine Physician and Endocrinology Fellow, with deep experience in internal medicine and a strong background in managing complex endocrine disorders, including diabetes, thyroid disease, osteoporosis, and metabolic conditions. Passionate about providing comprehensive, patient-centered care and committed to staying at the forefront of advancements in endocrinology.

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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Endocrinology Fellowship, UCLA Harbor Medical Center, CA** (2024-Present)
- Internal Medicine Residency, BronxCare Health System, Clinical Affiliate of Icahn School of Medicine - Mount Sinai, NY** (2021-2024)
- M.B.B.S. – Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Navi Mumbai, India** (2011-2017)

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## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- Endocrinology Fellow, UCLA Harbor Medical Center** (2024-Present)
- Currently enrolled in a rigorous training program focused on diagnosing and managing complex endocrine disorders under the supervision of experienced endocrinologists
  - Collaborating with multidisciplinary teams for coordinated patient care.
  - Actively engaged in teaching and mentoring medical students and residents, fostering a culture of continuous learning and professional growth
  - Engaging in clinical research on emerging trends in diabetes and metabolic disorders.
- Internal Medicine Resident, BronxCare Health System** (2021-2024)
- Managed a diverse patient population in a high-volume underserved area with acute and chronic endocrine conditions in inpatient (including ICU, telemetry floors) and outpatient settings (FQHC).
  - Procedural skills - Central lines, ABGs, Lumbar puncture, Abdominal Paracentesis; Running Code (ACLS) as Team Leader.
  - Actively participated in patient education and community outreach programs.
- General Duty Medical Officer, Shri Venkataramana Hospital, India** (2017-2020)
- Diagnosed and treated acute medical conditions in inpatient settings, along with assisting Orthopedic Surgeons in the OR.
  - Conducted preventative care and early screenings for diabetes, anemia, hypertension in remote villages.

## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- Sridhar G.R., Sanjana N.S.N. "Sleep, Circadian Dysrhythmia, Obesity and Diabetes." World Journal of Diabetes, Volume 7, Issue 19, 2016
- Ghazanfar H., Narasimhadevara S., et al. "Diagnostic Modalities Used in Diagnosing Gastroparesis: A Clinical Review." Cureus, 2022
- Contributions to Advances in Diabetes: Newer Insights, 2023, chapters on:
  - 'Is Fasting the New Feasting?'
  - 'Drugs that Wear Different Hats: SGLT-2 Inhibitors'

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## CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSURE

- ABIM Board Certified (2024, ID: 551846)
- ECFMG Certified (since 2020)
- Licensed in Maharashtra, India (2017, No: 2017073407)
- AHA Certified in Basic & Advanced Cardiac Life Support

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Physicians (ACP)
- Endocrine Society (ENDO)
- American Medical Association (AMA)

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## SKILLS

- Diabetes management and insulin therapy including CGM and Insulin Pumps
- Thyroid, adrenal, and pituitary disorders including USG guided thyroid FNAs
- Osteoporosis & metabolic bone disease
- Gender-affirming care and hormone replacement therapy
- Multi-disciplinary collaboration
- Patient education & community outreach

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## LANGUAGES

English (Fluent) | Telugu (Native) | Hindi (Proficient) | Spanish (Elementary)

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## HOBBIES & INTERESTS

- Sports: Table tennis, badminton, swimming, tennis
- Literature: P.G. Wodehouse, J.R.R. Tolkien
- Numismatics: Republic & British India coins and stamps
- Watching anime & reading manga
- Hiking & Outdoor Activities

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## VISA STATUS

Eligible for J-1 Visa Sponsorship

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## REFERENCES

Available upon request