

Primary Care Advisory Council (PCAC) Meeting Agenda

February 16, 2022
11 AM to Adjournment

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1. Call to order/Roll call – Staff
2. **Possible Action:** Review and possible approval of minutes from the January 18th, 2022, meeting – Chairperson

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. **Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to make recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Jeroen Balledux - Skye Moreland, Management Analyst, PCO

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 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Ricardo Cedeno Mendoza – Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, 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 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Mohamed Alibakehiet - Skye Moreland, Management Analyst, 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**

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PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC)

DRAFTMINUTES
January 18, 2022
11:00AM 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:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Jaron Hildebrand
Cody Phinney
Dr. Capurro

DPBH/DHCFP STAFF PRESENT:

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO
Skye Moreland, Management Analyst, PCO
Briza Virgen, Social Services Chief, Medical Programs
Erin Lynch, Social Services Chief, Medical Programs

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brett Strand, Attorney for Dr. Prabhu

1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum.

T. Emmerich-Choi read the roll call and stated that there was a quorum present.

2. Approval of minutes:

S. Vanbeuge asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting. No recommendations were made.

First Motion: moves to pass the approval of minutes

Second Motion: 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. Angeline Prabhu.

Skye Moreland presented summary handout of the completed application. Dr. Qureshi states that he will recusing himself from commenting and voting due to there being a conflict of interest as they share the same specialty. Dr. VanBeuge asks if there are any questions about the packet, Tarryn Emmerich-Choi states that if there are any

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questions, Brett Strand, Dr. Prabhu's attorney, is on the line and available. Dr. VanBeuge asks if the practice is new, B. Strand confirms that it is an expansion of an existing practice, Valley Oaks has acquired a number of clinics in the Las Vegas area and other locations throughout the United States. Dr. VanBeuge asks if this office is under new management or are they utilizing people that the practice has previously. B. Strand states that he can call his client to confirm, but to his knowledge they have acquired an existing clinic, have taken ownership of it and are expanding operations. Dr. VanBeuge asks if a Dr. Shah will be running the practice or will be in charge in anyway. Brett Strand states that no, based on his knowledge this is an organization that is acquiring primary care practices across the United States and he has no knowledge of a Dr. Shah being involved. Dr. VanBeuge asks to confirm that there is no direct or indirect involvement with a Dr. Dhaval Shah. B. Strand states that he has never heard that name before, and that he can confirm with the practice management and let the PCO know. Dr. VanBeuge states that it would be very helpful to have that confirmation. B. Strand states he will get the information back to the PCO by close of business. Gerald Ackerman asks if this question will prevent the application from moving forward. Dr. VanBeuge states that she would prefer to hold onto the application until they received this information for the best interest of the applicant. B. Strand states that he could call to get the information now instead of having to reschedule the meeting. T Emmerich-Choi states that the council is able to vote to approve an application contingent on receiving the required information. Pierron Tackes states that the council can vote to approve with the contingency that Dr. Shah is not involved, or the council can choose to take a quick recess to allow Brett Strand to make the phone call to get the required information. G. Ackerman states that he is not sure what the hesitation over Dr. Shah is, but based on Dr. VanBeuge's hesitation he is happy to wait for the information. Nancy Bowen states that she feels the same way, and based on Dr. VanBeuge's recommendation she would hold off on approving the application until they receive the information. Julie Clyde concurs with G. Ackerman and N. Bowen. T. Emmerich-Choi asks Pierron if it would be appropriate for Dr. VanBeuge to clarify her concerns, or would it be best to take a recess for Brett Strand to make his call. Pierron states that per the duties in statute for this committee part of that responsibility is determining whether the application is compliant with the statute, and one of the requirements is whether or not the waiver would be in the interest of the public. P. Tackes continues to say that in her understanding of the discussion is that there was a concern with whether a placement with a doctor that the program has previously worked with would be in the interest of the public. Dr. VanBeuge thanks Pierron and confirms that she would like clarity on the involvement of the doctor Shah before approving the application. B. Strand states that he is almost completely sure that the doctor is not involved, but would like to confirm before stating on record, he continues to state that the committee has approved applications for this employer before. Dr. VanBeuge states that the council has a few different options, approve the application with contingencies, table the application for a meeting on a future date, or take a recess and allow B. Strand to make his phone call. B. Strand requests that they take a approve contingent on receiving the application due to Dr. Prabhu having a timing issue with the end of her current placement and starting her new employment. G. Ackerman states that the state is in need of Infectious Disease specialists and states that they would not want to lose the opportunity to gain a specialist, therefore he would be more in favor for approving the application pending the receipt of the information requested. J. Clyde and N. Bowen agree with Gerald Ackerman, that they would approve the application contingent on the receipt of the information. Dr. VanBeuge agrees, stating that there is a need for Infectious Disease Specialists.

First Motion: N.Bowen makes a motion to approve contingent on receipt of the information regarding Dr. Shah's involvement

Second Motion: G. Ackerman seconds

Member Comment: G. Ackerman pauses the motion to ask if the council would not approve the application if Dr. Shah is involved, even if he is not directly managing the J1 applicant. Dr. VanBeuge asks if they should amend the

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motion to stipulate that if Dr. Shah is involved then the application would not be approved. G. Ackerman asks if they need to stipulate what kind of involvement Dr. Shah has with the applicant in the motion, to decide whether they approve the application, as Dr. Shah could be involved with the group, but not be in direct contact with the applicant. Dr. VanBeuge asks if he would like to amend the motion. G. Ackerman states that there needs to be more caution in the wording of the motion. S. VanBeuge asks Pierron for legal counsel, should the council redo the motion or is there a better way they could go about this. Pierron states that there is not a clear path in the event that Dr. Shah is involved, and believes that G. Ackerman is suggesting that the committee might not want to decline the application if the doctor is involved, but instead might want to look at the application further. Pierron continues to suggest that if this can be cleared up with a phone call by B. Strand, that a short recess might be best so there won't be a question outstanding that would require a further meeting. B. Strand states that he would be more than happy to make a call. Dr. VanBeuge asks the council if they have time for a short recess, the council all states yes.

The Council votes to take a 10-minute recess at 11:24

The Meeting adjourns at 11:35, Tarryn Emmerich-Choi reads roll call and confirms that there is quorum after the recess.

Dr. VanBeuge asks B. Strand if he has any further information for the committee after the recess. B. Strand states that he was able to speak with the owner and CEO of Valley Oaks Medical Group, he was able to confirm that the organization has no connection to Dr. Dhaval Shah. The owner purchased the practice from Dr. Shah when Dr. Shah was no longer able to continue in the practice. Dr. Shah is completely disconnected from the practice at this time, no ownership or employment at all. Dr. VanBeuge thanks Dr. Strand for the clarification and states that it would be best to withdraw the first motion and start again. Pierron confirms.

Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

First Motion: N. Bowen makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: J. Clyde seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously, Dr. A Qureshi abstains from voting

8. Member or Public Comment

Erin Lynch from DHCFP, Medicaid updates the Primary Care Advisory Council to let them know that the Primary Care Office has moved to Nevada Medicaid from DPBH. She lets the group know that the PCO will be a good fit in the medical programs unit so they can help with a new process for reviewing providers and facilities that might help with situations like today, and that they are hiring for the Health Resource Analyst 3 position. Dr. VanBeuge thanks E. Lynch for her introduction, states that the council cannot comment due to this being a public comment section, and states that perhaps E. Lynch could be in a future meetings agenda to further discuss how the new movement and the PCAC can work together in the future.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.44 a.m.

Nevada Primary Care Office - Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program
EMPLOYER/SPONSOR Affidavit and Agreement Sponsorship and Eligibility Requirements

A. Medical Practice Criteria and Policies: 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 components of the application available online.
4. For new sponsors, 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 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 for USCIS approval, if applicable. Any employment expectations regarding hours worked vs. hospital rounds and/or on-call requirements must be specified in the contract; the same applies to travel time.
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 low-income 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. Federal poverty guidelines are available at the following link: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>.
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. Agree to be monitored by the DPBH, PCO, on a periodic basis for compliance with this agreement and provide required documentation to the PCO on the required forms.
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. Report semi-annually each April and October, via the Compliance Confirmation Verification form on the status of the physician services for the previous six months and where those services were provided (located online at [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Instruction, Information & Forms](#)).
11. Agree to immediately report all changes to the work schedule, changes which will be in effect longer than three weeks, to the PCO on the Change of Status form (located online at [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Instruction, Information & Forms](#)). 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.
12. 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 DPBH reserves the right to approve or disapprove all transfers.
13. 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 DPBH must be notified no later than twenty-four hours after the emergency termination.
14. 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.

Special Circumstances

15. Employers in a non-designated site (flex slots) must provide evidence, when requested by the PCO, that patients reside in one or more geographic areas designated as HPSA and/or MUA/P.
16. Employers of physicians who are granted a Specialist designation must be able to document compliance with the number of hours, locations and duties specified in the contract. For example, if the contract indicated that the Nephrologist was to work twenty hours as an Internal Medicine physician at an out-patient clinic, in addition to twenty hours as a Nephrologist at a specific hospital, the PCO may require documentation to support compliance.

B. Consequences of Default:

17. 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](#).

I, Shawn Fagan, MD, FACS 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.

Employer:

Employer Signature: _____

Date: _____

10-11-21

Employer Name: _____

Burn and Reconstructive Centers of Nevada, LLC

All correspondence should be directed to:

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Nevada Primary Care Office - Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program
PHYSICIAN Affidavit and Agreement Sponsorship and Eligibility Requirements

A. Eligibility: To be eligible for a letter of support by the Nevada 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 period of three consecutive years.
2. Submit all components of the application available online.
3. Acknowledge review and understanding of all terms included in the contractual agreement with the employer.
4. Agree to notify the DPBH of the start date with the contracted employer, using the Verification of Status form (located online at [Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Information, Instructions & Forms](#))
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. Any employment expectations regarding hours worked vs. hospital rounds and/or on-call requirements must be specified in the contract; the same applies to travel time.
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 a Verification of Status Form to the DPBH, PCO. Exceptions may be approved under special circumstances, as determined by the DPBH PCO in advance of such absence.
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 be monitored by the DPBH, PCO, on a periodic basis for compliance with this agreement and provide documentation to the PCO on the required forms.
11. 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/>.

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15. 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.
16. Acknowledge review of all contractual obligations, **including expectations for working hours, hospital rounds, and on-call requirements**. The DPBH 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.

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18. Physicians who are granted a Specialist designation must be able to document compliance with the number of hours, locations and duties specified in the contract. For example, if the contract indicated that a Nephrologist was to work twenty hours as an Internal Medicine physician at an out-patient practice site, in addition to twenty hours as a Nephrologist at a specific hospital, the PCO may require documentation to support compliance.

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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.

I, Jeroen Balledux, 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 Sponsorship and Eligibility Requirements. I further understand that failure to comply with the requirements listed in Section A may result in sanctions as described in section B above.

Physician:

Physician Signature: 

Date: 10/19/2021

Physician Name: Jeroen Balledux

All correspondence should be directed to:

Nevada Primary Care Office
Division of Public & Behavioral Health
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TAB A

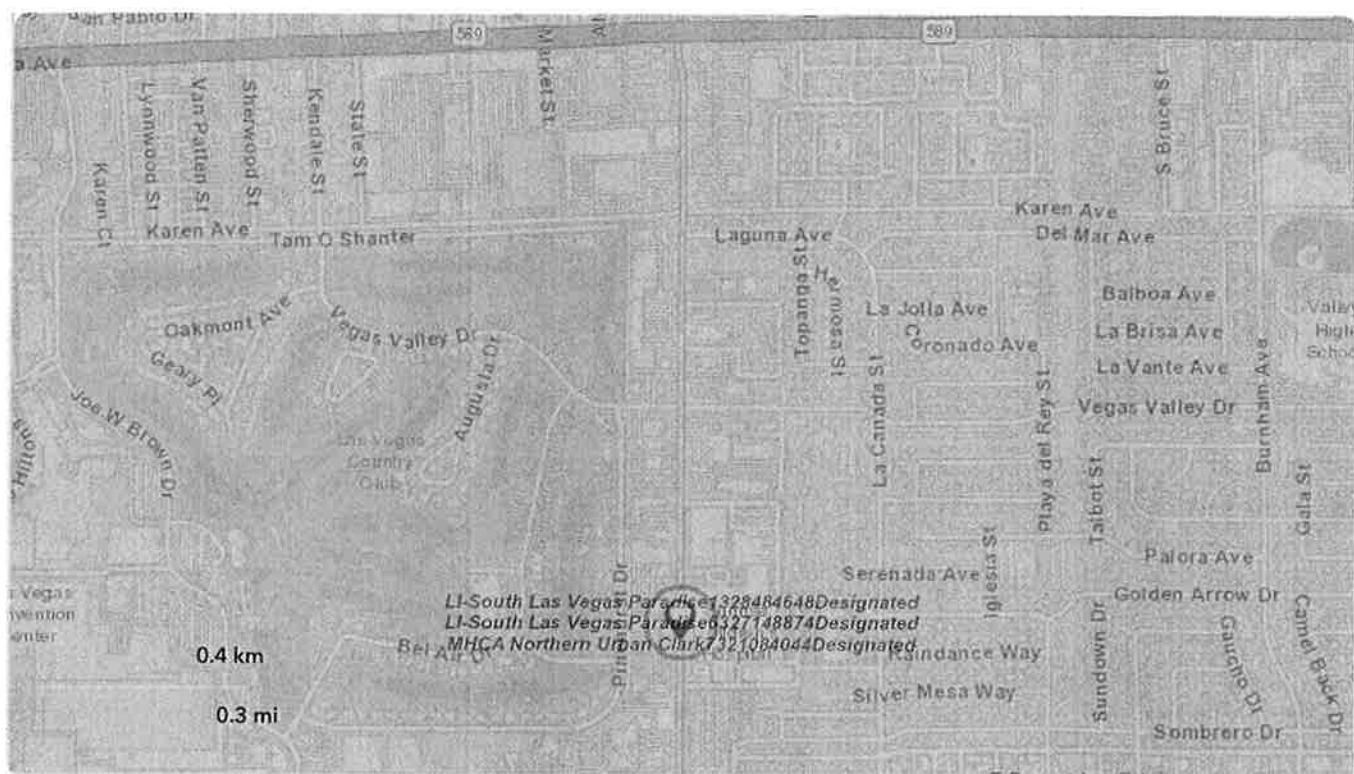
Practice Site Name: SUNRISE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

Practice Site Address: 3186 South Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89109

MUA/P printout – attached

Number of hours the candidate will practice at site: 40

Employer/Administration address: BURN AND RECONSTRUCTIVE CENTERS OF AMERICA
3675 J Dewey Gray Circle, Suite 300
Augusta, GA 30909



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Census Tract Number: 002000 [Additional result analysis]

FIPS Code(State + County + County Subdivisions) County Subdivision: 3200394504

County Subdivision Name: Las Vegas

County Name: Clark

Congressional District Name: Nevada District 01

Congressional District Representative Name: Dina Titus

State Name: Nevada

In a Dental Health HPSA: ✓ Yes

HPSA Name: LI-South Las Vegas Paradise

ID: 6327148874

Designation Type: HPSA Population

Status: Designated

Score: 19

Designation Date: 10/27/2017

Last Update Date: 10/27/2017

In a Mental Health HPSA: ✓ Yes

HPSA Name: MHCA Northern Urban Clark

ID: 7321084044

Designation Type: High Needs Geographic HPSA

Status: Designated

Score: 16

Designation Date: 11/29/2017

Last Update Date: 11/29/2017



May 26, 2021

Ms. Chanda Steinberg
Director of Corporate Contracts
Burn and Reconstructive Centers of America

Ms. Steinberg:

Please accept this letter as an indication of our support for Dr. Jeroen Balledux's continued privileges at Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center via the Conrad 30 J-1 Physician Waiver Program. As you are aware, Dr. Jeroen Balledux is a plastic surgeon and a member of the medical staff at Sunrise Hospital. Through his employment with BRCA he provides burn and wound services to patients of our facility.

Sunrise Hospital initiated a burn program on October 1, 2019. In this program Sunrise Hospital accepts all patients regardless of their ability to pay, including Medicaid and Medicare. Patients without insurance are evaluated against the uninsured and charity policy which we have provided to you. This policy eliminates patient liability greater than \$1,500 when the household income is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. Balances for individuals above 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline have their liability capped at a percentage of their annual household income. For example, an individual with income between 201% and 300% of the FPL would have their balance capped at 3% of annual household income.

The burn program is supported by 2 general surgeons and 1 plastic surgeon (Dr. Balledux). Dr. Balledux is a plastic surgeon. Our 2020 Physician Needs Assessment showed a total need for 25.2 plastics physicians in our service area. Sunrise currently has 8 plastics physicians with active staff privileges and 9 physicians with associate/affiliate privileges. Excluding the 8 plastics physicians with active privileges, there is a potential need for 17 physicians. The burn program supports the needs of patients throughout a wide service area encompassing primarily Southern Nevada and Northern Arizona. Forty-seven percent of the patients seen by the clinic are Medicaid or uninsured.

Thank you for your support of Dr. Balledux and the burn program at Sunrise Hospital.

Bill Ziesmer
Chief Financial Officer
Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center
Sunrise Children's Hospital



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October 14, 2021

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 399
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

RE: CONRAD-30 J-1 Waiver Request
Physician's name: Jeroen BALLEUX
Employment site: Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center

Dear Madam or Sir,

As the President and CEO of the Burn and Reconstructive Centers of Nevada, LLC, Dr. Balledux's employer, I write to formally request that the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health serve as an Interested Government Agency in connection with this request to waive the 2-year foreign residence requirement and that it recommend that a waiver for Dr. Balledux be granted under the CONRAD-30 program.

Dr. Balledux will be employed at the Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. The employment site's information is below:

- o Name of employment site: Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center
- o Name and title of contact person: William Ziesmer, CFO
- o Employment site mailing address: 3186 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89109
- o Employment site physical address: 3186 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89109
- o MUA/P identification number: 07866
- o Telephone number: 702-961-9000
- o Fax number: 702-961-9018
- o E-mail address for contact person: William.Ziesmer@hcahealthcare.com

Sunrise Hospital is a level-2 trauma center providing critical trauma services for Las Vegas and its surrounding areas. In 2019 it partnered with the Burn and Reconstructive Centers of Nevada to create and operate the Burn and Reconstructive Center at Sunrise Hospital with the goal to provide the best available burn and wound care for adult and pediatric patients. The facility is being expanded to 15 beds for burn patients to account for the increased need. Unfortunately, the number of physicians has not

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kept up with the rapid population growth in the area. Nevada currently ranks 48th overall for number of physicians per capita. In the area of employment, there is one surgeon for every 12,500 people which ranks the state 50th in number of surgeons per capita in the US.

The burn program at Sunrise Hospital is supported by 2 general surgeons and 1 plastic surgeon. According to the Hospital's 2020 Community Needs Assessment there is a physician deficit of 53.0 Full Time Equivalents and Plastic Surgery physician deficit of 15.7 FTEs. The supply for general surgeons was a net of 42 and plastic surgeons was a net of 7 FTEs for a population in the service area of 1,588,567. That is a significant deficit in physician need vis-à-vis the patient population that the facility serves - more than 50% of the entire state population.

Dr. Balledux is an accomplished plastic surgeon with extensive experience in treating all burn related trauma, including chemical, radiation, electrical, friction, thermal and inhalation burns and reconstruction surgery. Given the shortage of specialist at the employment site, Dr. Balledux's services are of critical importance for Sunrise Hospital and the population it serves.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope that based on the information provided, you will support us in our application and recommend that a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement be granted.

Sincerely,


Shawn Fagan, MD, FACS
President

Burn and Reconstructive Centers of Nevada

ADULT AND PEDIATRIC SERVICES:

**BURNS | HAND AND EXTREMITY INJURIES | HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY | MICROVASCULAR SURGERY
PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY | SKIN AND SOFT TISSUE DISORDERS | CRITICAL CARE | SERVICES VARY BY LOCATION**

COLORADO: AURORA • DENVER | **FLORIDA:** BRADENTON • BRANDON • MIAMI • TALLAHASSEE | **GEORGIA:** ATLANTA • AUGUSTA • VALDOSTA | **IDAHO:** IDAHO FALLS
MISSISSIPPI: JACKSON | **NEVADA:** LAS VEGAS | **SOUTH CAROLINA:** CHARLESTON | **TENNESSEE:** NASHVILLE | **TEXAS:** PLANO • SAN ANTONIO | **VIRGINIA:** RICHMOND

TAB D

Full name of Candidate:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Country of Citizenship:

DOS case No:

Residency training:

Chang-Gung Memorial Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan

Visiting Fellow Dept of Plastic Surgery 2011 Jan-Feb

Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN

Fellow, Dept of Plastic Surgery 2008-2010

Resident, Dept of General Surgery, 2006-2008

Burn Fellow, Dept of Plastic Surgery 2004-2006

New York University Medical Center, New York, NY

PGY-3 Resident, Dept of General Surgery, 2003- 2004

Clinical Fellow, Dept of Neurosurgery, 2000-2003

Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY

Research Fellow, Growth Factors and Wound Healing Program, Dept of Surgery, 1998-2000

PGY-1 & PGY-2 Resident, Dept of General Surgery, 1996-1998

Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

Clinical Fellow, Dept of Neurosurgery, 1995-1996

Research Associate, Brain Edema Research Laboratory, Dept of Neurosurgery, 1994-1995

Rotterdam University Hospital, Dijkzicht, Netherlands

Resident, Dept of Neurosurgery, 1993-1994

Westeinde Hospital, The Hague, Netherlands

Resident, Dept of Neurosurgery, 1992-1993

Responsibilities and qualifications:

The plastic surgeon will provide burn treatments for all types of burns, including chemical, electrical, friction, inhalation, frostbite, thermal and radiation burns. Provide care for all types of skin and soft tissue disorders, and upper extremity injuries and traumatic wounds.

Dr. Balledux is exceptionally well qualified for this position. He is board certified in plastic and reconstructive surgery and has extensive experience in the treatment of burn wounds, as well as all types of large and complex wounds. Dr. Balledux completed his plastic surgery and burn training at the Indiana University Medical Center, where he contributed to scientific work related to burns by publishing several research articles, which have been widely cited in the field. Dr. Balledux's research has made important contributions to the current practice and use of skin substitutes (such as epithelial auto grafts and human skin equivalent) which are now being used in adults and children, greatly improving healing time, diminishing discomfort for patients, preventing the formation of scar tissue and improving cosmetic outlook.

Prior to joining the Burn and Reconstructive Centers of America, Dr. Balledux worked as a plastic and reconstructive surgeon in Palm Beach, Florida

Dr. Balledux's complete curriculum vitae is attached.

JEROEN P. BALLEDEX

CURRENT STATUS

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Burn Centers of America, 2020-Currently

Attending Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon,
Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center
Burn and Reconstructive Centers of Nevada
Las Vegas, Nevada 2020-Currently
Board Certified, American Board of Plastic Surgery

Burn Reconstruction, Hand Surgery, Peripheral Nerve Surgery, Breast
Reconstruction, Reconstructive Microsurgery, Wound healing, Esthetic Surgery

Palm Beach Reconstructive Surgery Palm Beach FL, 2011-2020.

JFK Medical Center, Atlantis Fl
Good Samaritan Medical Center, West Palm Beach Fl
Wellington Regional Medical Center, Wellington Fl
Palms West Hospital, Loxahatchee Fl
Kindred Hospital, West Palm Beach Fl
Select Specialty Hospital, Lake Worth Fl
Midtown Outpatient Surgery Center, Delray, FL
2011-2020

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Dutch Citizen
Fiancée: Audrey Cho (US Citizen)
Daughter: Sophia Sarah Balledux (US Citizen)

TRAINING

Chang-Gung Memorial Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan

Visiting Fellow Dept of Plastic Surgery 2011 Jan-Feb

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EDUCATION

University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

M.D., 1992

PUBLICATIONS

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AWARDS

New York University Medical Center, Department of General Surgery, 2004

Teaching Award for best teaching resident, awarded by rotating medical students

MEDICAL LICENSURE

ECFMG Certificate number 0-436-664-7, valid indefinitely

Nevada State Medical License 20150

Georgia State Medical License 86853

Florida State Medical License ME 109148

Indiana State Limited Permit 11012508A (Expired)

Pennsylvania State Medical License MD 441848 (Expired)

Advanced Burn Life Support certification, January 2021

USMLE 1,2 and 3

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

European Rowing Championships

Finalist, heavyweight coxed fours representing the Netherlands, Barcelona, Spain, 1984

German Rowing Championships

Representing the Netherlands, Essen, Germany, 1988

University of Amsterdam

Team member, heavyweight coxed fours, Netherlands, 1987

New York City Marathon 2008-2009

LANGUAGES

Written and spoken English, Dutch, French and German.

TABLE

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Time period of report: 11/01/2020 to 11/1/2021		
OUTPATIENT CLINIC	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	1449	31%
Medicaid visits	1823	39%
NV Check-up	N/A	
Sliding Fee Scale	N/A	
Indigent/Charity	281	6%
Other - Not listed above	1122	24%
Totals	4675	100%
*For specialists/hospitalists:		
*Time period of report:		
*# of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type		

Number of providers (Full Time Equivalents, FTE) providing patient services at the practice site.

# of MDs by FTE	7
# of PAs by FTE	7
# of APNs by FTE	2

Time period of report: 11/01/2020 to 11/01/2021		
INPATIENTS	Total # of visits for	% of visits per
Burn program admissions and admissions with surgery by a burn	12 months	12 months
Medicare visits	310	31%
Medicaid visits	390	39%
NV Check-up	N/A	
Sliding Fee Scale	N/A	
Indigent/Charity	61	6%
Other - Not listed above	240	24%
Totals	1001	100%
*For specialists/hospitalists:		
*Time period of report:	05/1/2021-11/1/2021	
*# of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type	501	

Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation

Complete and check all applicable fields, corresponding boxes and enter all required information:

Candidate's Information:

Candidate's Full Name: Ricardo Andres CEDENO MENDOZA

Residency Discipline: Internal Medicine
Residency Timeframe: July 2017 to June 2020
Location of Residency: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Elizabeth, NJ

Fellowship(s)/Specialty: Infectious Disease
Fellowship(s) Timeframe1: July 2020 to June 2022
Location of Fellowship(s)1: Rowan University, Candel, NJ

Employer's Information:

Employer's Full Name: Valley Oaks Medical Group
Employer's Address: 2435 Fire Mesa St., Ste. 120, Las Vegas, NV, 89128

Practice Site #1: Fire Mesa Clinic
Practice Site #1 Address: 2435 Fire Mesa St., Las Vegas, NV 89128
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: 15
Select and input all that apply:

☒ Practice Site #1 HPSA (#1321146138) ☐ Practice Site #1 MUA (#MUA#) ☐ Flex spot
☐ Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) ☐ Tribal Health Center
☐ Rural Health Clinic (RHC) ☐ Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

Practice Site #2*: Mountain View Hospital
Practice Site #2 Address: 3100 N Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, NV 89128
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: 25
Select all that apply:

☒ Practice Site #2 HPSA (#1321146138) ☐ Practice Site #2 MUA (#MUA#) ☐ Flex spot
☐ Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) ☐ Tribal Health Center
☐ Rural Health Clinic (RHC) ☐ Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

More than two additional practice sites: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If additional practice sites, please copy and add all additional practice locations here or at end of form

Official Legal Representative and Contact Person for Application:

Contact Name: Brett Strand
Contact Mailing Address: 1235 N. Mulford Rd., Ste 208 Rockford, IL 61107
Contact e-mail: bas@lechtenberglawfirm.com
Contact telephone: 815-721-3593

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Official Contact Person for Employment Verification and Site Information:

Contact Name: Page McCalister
Contact Mailing Address: 2435 Fire Mesa Street Las Vegas NV, 89128
Contact e-mail: page.mccalister@valleyoaksmed.com
Contact telephone: 702-860-1386

Employer and Candidate, as identified above, 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.

Employer and Candidates have provided all necessary information for review of this application by the Primary Care Council including the following:

- ☒ Copy of the contract between the Employer and Candidate;
- ☒ Copy of the Candidate curriculum vitae and passport pages;
- ☒ Letter from Employer: description of the Candidate's qualifications, responsibilities and how this employment will satisfy important unmet health care needs within the designated area;
- ☒ Summation tables identifying the breakdown of patient visits billed by payment category;
- ☒ Documentation of employer recruitment efforts for US citizens for two months prior to submission of the application, UNLESS the requirement was waived for a rural employer with emergent needs;
- ☒ Long-range retention plans which include the following: CME benefit, competitive salary and paid time off.
- ☒ Copy of letter from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (NSBME) acknowledging Candidate's application for medical licensure;
- ☒ INS Form G-28 OR letter from a law office if the candidate has an attorney OR a statement that the applicant does not have an attorney;
- ☒ Copies of all DS-2019's "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1 Visa Waiver) Status" (INS form(s) I-94 for the candidate and any family members; proof of passage of examinations required by Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI); transcripts for all 3 sections of *United States Medical Licensing Examinations* (USMLE); and certification from *Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates* (ECFMG).

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;

Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation

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/>.

Authorized Employer:

Employer Company/Business Name

Employer Representative Name (First/Last)

Title

Employer Signature

Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of:

County of:

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: _____

Candidate/Physician:

Ricardo Cedeno - Mendoza

MD

Candidate Name (First/Last)

Title

[Signature]

12/14/2021

Candidate Signature

Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of: New Jersey

County of: CAMDEN

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 14 day of December, 20 21

[Signature]

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: 3/31/2022

Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation

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://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/Conrad30/Conrad30-Home/>.

Authorized Employer:

Medina Medical DBA Valley Oaks Medical Group
Employer Company/Business Name

Page McCullister
Employer Representative Name (First/Last)

VP Operations
Title

[Signature]
Employer Signature

12/14/2021
Date

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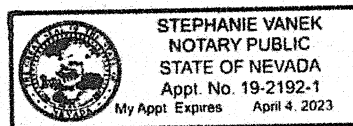
State of:

County of:

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 14th day of December, 2021

Stephanie Vanek
Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: 04/04/2023



Candidate/Physician:

Candidate Name (First/Last)

Title

Candidate Signature

Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of:

County of:

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: _____

Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program

Application Attestation

- ☒ 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 (verify and enter missing data):

- ☒ 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.flcdatcenter.com>): Prevailing wage (FLC Median wage for Internists, General: \$277,368/ Contracted wage \$300,000 base pay
- ☒ 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;
- ☒ Liquidated damages (suggested to be under \$50,000) in the event that the physician or employer terminates the contract before three years is included in the contract - Employer \$N/A – see schedule in agreement /Physician \$N/A – see schedule in agreement;
- ☒ 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.

Additional Practice Site

Practice Site #3: Sunrise Hospital

Practice Site #3 Address: 3186 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89109

Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: 0-5

Practice Site #3 HPSA (1328484648)



Nevada J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Application

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ATTESTATION

As Founder and CEO of Valley Oaks Medical Group, I hereby confirm the following:

1. Each of our practice sites accepts all patients regardless of ability to pay.
2. Currently, approximately half of our patient population utilizes Medicare; all remaining patients pay through commercial payers (e.g., Culinary, BCBS, UnitedHealth, Aetna).
3. We currently do not have any patients that pay using a sliding fee scale, Medicare, or Nevada Check Up, but would accept such forms of payment in any case. Were it to be necessary, we would use a sliding-fee scale based on federal poverty guidelines to discount services to any low-income uninsured patients.

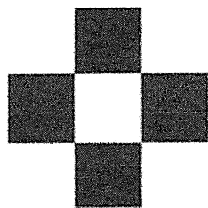
Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guru Charan', written over a horizontal line.

Guru Charan Founder, CEO

Date: 12/18/2021

2435 Fire Mesa Street, Las Vegas, NV 89128
Tel: 702-968-2438 Fax: 702-479-1796



Valley Oaks

Medical Group

December 15, 2021

Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

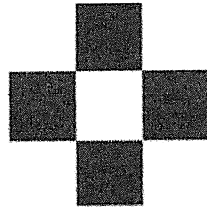
Re: Dr. Ricardo Andres Cedeno Mendoza – “Interested Government Agency”

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to request that the Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health act as an “Interested Government Agency” to recommend a waiver of the J-1 residency requirement for our intended employee, Dr. Ricardo Andres Cedeno Mendoza. The following details relate to this request:

- Name of employment site – **Valley Oaks Medical Group**
- Name and title of contact person – **Guru Charan, Founder, CEO**
- Employment site #1 mailing address – **2435 Fire Mesa St., Las Vegas, NV, 89128**
- Employment site #1 physical addresses – **2435 Fire Mesa St., Las Vegas, NV, 89128**
- Employment site #2 mailing address – **3100 N Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, NV 89128**
- Employment site #2 physical addresses – **3100 N Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, NV 89128**
- Employment site #3 mailing address – **3186 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89109**
- Employment site #3 physical addresses – **3186 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89109**
- HPSA or MUA/P identification number – **1321146138, 1328484648**

2435 Fire Mesa Street, Las Vegas, NV 89128
Tel: 702-968-2438 Fax: 702-479-1796



Valley Oaks

Medical Group

- Telephone number – **(702)-968-2437**
- Fax number – **N/A**
- E-mail address for contact person – **guru.charan@valleyoaksmed.com**
- Brief description of how the proposed candidate will satisfy important unmet health care needs within the designated shortage area – **Our clinic currently is severely restricted in our ability to serve the level of patients in need of infectious disease care in our area. This is especially true among disadvantaged populations – there is a significant gap in treatment of HIV, STD, and Syphilis patients in underserved groups. Often, we are unable to accommodate patients with urgent needs because we do not have appointments open to schedule them for a physician visit. Adding Dr. Cedeno Mendoza to our practice will allow us to better service infections in both inpatient and outpatient settings in a timely manner.**

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Guru Charan
Founder, CEO

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

Date of birth –

Place of birth -

Country of citizenship –

DOS case number –

Description of residency training, including specialty, start and completion dates, and specialty training with corresponding time frames –

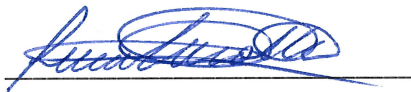
I finished School of Medicine in Universidad Catolica de Santiago de Guayaquil, located in Guayaquil, Ecuador in 2011. I received multiple diplomas, including golden frame and excellence awards due to performance throughout the years. I worked as a general physician in three hospitals in Ecuador before coming to the United States: Centro de Salud Primavera, Hospital Clinica Kennedy and Hospital Jose Rodriguez Mariduena. I worked in both clinic and inpatient setting (including ICU and ED) with multiple responsibilities and received multiple awards, including “employee of the year” in Hospital Clinica Kennedy and “chief resident” in both Hospital Clinica Kennedy and Hospital Jose Rodriguez Mariduena. I was able to teach other residents, interns, and medical students about protocols and procedures.

I started my medicine training in the United States in 2017. I completed my Internal Medicine training at Rutgers University in June 2020. I then started my Infectious Diseases fellowship in July 2020 at Rowan University and will complete it in June 2022.

Description of qualification for the proposed position and what the general responsibilities would be –

I am doing my Infectious Diseases Fellowship training, and I will be completing it in June 2022. I would be then working as an Infectious disease specialist. I will be helping the consulting teams take care of various infectious disease cases. Specific activities will include history taking and appropriate physical examination, formulation of differential diagnoses, ordering appropriate diagnostic tests, prescription of medications and procedures medically appropriate, follow up, and patient records. We take care of diseases such as meningitis, Infective endocarditis, cellulitis, VP shunt clearance, UTIs, complicated UTIs, pyelonephritis, Cdiff colitis, and COVID 19 pneumonia. After treatment we follow the patients closely to confirm if they are getting better.

Signed:



Dr. Ricardo Cedeno Mendoza

Date: 12/14/2021

RICARDO CEDENO-MENDOZA, MD

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

July 2020 – Present

PGY -5 Infectious Disease Fellow

Rowan University
Cooper University Hospital
Infectious Disease Fellowship Program
Candem, NJ

January 2019

Visitor Resident

Cleveland Clinic
Respiratory Institute
Cleveland, OH

July 2017 – June 2020

Internal Medicine Resident

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Trinitas Regional Medical Center
Internal Medicine Residency Program
Elizabeth, NJ

September 2012 – March 2014

STEP 1, 2 CK, 2 CS prep

Kaplan Medical

2005 – 2011

School of Medicine

Universidad Catolica de Santiago de Guayaquil (Catholic university of Santiago de Guayaquil)

Guayaquil, Ecuador

June 2011

Medical degree / Graduation ceremony

April 2011 – May 2011

Thesis preparation and presentation: "Efficacy of lactulosa/l-ornitina-l-aspartate combined therapy vs. lactulose in hyperammonemic hepatic encephalopathy: a retrospective study at "Luis Vernaza" hospital, Guayaquil, Ecuador. From January 2006 to December 2010."

April 2010 – March 2011

6th year (Internship year):

Internal Medicine (Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida-USA)

OBGYN (Hospital Enrique Sotomayor, Guayaquil-Ecuador)

Pediatrics (Hospital Roberto Gilbert, Guayaquil-Ecuador)

Surgery (Hospital Luis Vernaza, Guayaquil-Ecuador)

May 2005 – March 2010

1st to 5th year

WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2014 – January 2017

Resident physician, Chief resident

Hospital de Infectologia Dr. Jose Rodriguez Mariduena (Dr. Jose Rodriguez Mariduena Infectious Disease Hospital)

ED/ICU Resident

Guayaquil, Ecuador

April 2014 – May 2017

Resident physician, Chief resident

Hospital Clinica Kennedy (Kennedy Hospital & Clinics)

ED/ICU Resident

Guayaquil, Ecuador

September 2011 – August 2012

Rural physician

Centro de Salud Primavera (Primavera Health Center)

Naranjito, Ecuador

HONORS

2020

ABIM – The American Board of Internal Medicine

Board Certified Physician

2016

Best employee 2015-2016

Hospital Clinica Kennedy (Kennedy Hospital & Clinics)

Guayaquil-Ecuador

2008

Excellence award

Universidad Catolica de Santiago de Guayaquil (Catholic university of Santiago de Guayaquil)

Guayaquil-Ecuador

2005-2009

Golden frame for academic achievements

Universidad Catolica de Santiago de Guayaquil (Catholic university of Santiago de Guayaquil)

Guayaquil-Ecuador

RESEARCH

2021 – In process

Cedeno-Mendoza, R; Nahra, R.

Guidewire catheter exchange vs prompt catheter removal with delayed replacement in recurrent Catheter-related candidemia

Infectious Disease Department – Cooper University Hospital / Rowan University

2021 – In process

Cedeno-Mendoza, R; Bansal, R; Pedroza, L; Wasti Z

Candida glabrata fungemia and chorioamnionitis in an in vitro fertilization bichorionic pregnancy; case report and literature review

Infectious Disease Department – Cooper University Hospital / Rowan University

2021

Cedeno-Mendoza, R; Pedroza, L. (2021, July 7)

Cytomegalovirus (CMV). Medscape

2020

Cedano J, Sah A, Cedeno-Mendoza R, Fish H, Remolina C.

Confirmed E-cigarette or vaping product use associated lung injury (EVALI) with lung biopsy; A case report and literature review

Respir Med Case Rep. 2020;30:101122

Published 2020 Jun 11.doi:10.1016/j.rmcr.2020.101122

2020

Cedeno-Mendoza, R; Garcia, R; Pandya, M; Rajwani, A; Talaat, M; Brescia, M; John, D

Use of Pulmonary Embolism Rule-Out Criteria And Age-Adjusted D-Dimer For Patients With Suspected Pulmonary Embolism

Abstract published at Hospital Medicine 2020, Virtual Competition. Abstract 170

Journal of Hospital Medicine

<https://shabstracts.org/abstract/use-of-pulmonary-embolism-rule-out-criteria-and-age-adjusted-d-dimer-for-patients-with-suspected-pulmonary-embolism/>

2020

Pandya, M; Nwachukwu O;, Young D; Rajwani A; Wazzan N; Noori M; Alyacoub R; Kanakadandi S; Cedeno-Mendoza R; Ayad S; Bendaram S; Talpur A

Improving Compliance With Screening Of Diabetic Complications In The Resident Clinic

Poster presentation on Research Day 2020

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School - Department of Internal Medicine
Trinitas Regional Medical Center

2011

Gavilanes A, Cedeno R, Carlo M.

Efficacy of lactulosa/l-ornitina-l-aspartate combined therapy vs. lactulose in hyperammonemic hepatic encephalopathy: a retrospective study at "Luis Vernaza" hospital, Guayaquil, Ecuador. From January 2006 to December 2010.

Rev. Med. FCM-UCSG, Año 2010, Vol.16 N°4. Págs. 257-265

<http://www2.ucsg.edu.ec/dmdocuments/medicina16-4.pdf>

CME

2021

ID Week 2021

September 29, 2021-October 3, 2021

2020

International Antiviral Society (IAS-USA)

National IAS-USA Virtual Update Course on HIV management

November 12, 2020

4 MOC points ABIM

2020

Postgraduate Institute for Medicine

Awesome Review of Internal Medicine

June 7-12, 2020

63 MOC points ABIM

HOBBIES AND INTEREST

Play tennis, cycling, kayak, spinning, listen to music, travel

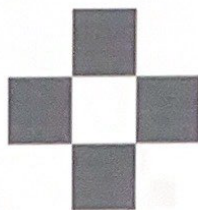
LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish and English

Time period of report: October 2020-October 2021		
	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	22,907	53%
Medicaid visits	4,446	9%
NV Check-up	2,406	6%
Sliding Fee Scale	661	2%
Indigent/Charity	731	5%
Other - Not listed above	5000	25%
Totals	36,151	100%

Number of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type: 3	Time period of report: October 2020 – October 2021

Number of MDs	3
Number of PAs	2
Number of APNs	1



Valley Oaks

Medical Group

December 8th, 2021

Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Re: Ricardo Cedeno MD- Critical Need for Services

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to confirm that there is a critical need for the services of an Infectious Disease doctor to populations in several designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) in the Las Vegas area.

Currently, our clinic and servicing hospital is severely restricted in terms of the lack of Infectious Disease Physicians in our area. Often, for example, we are unable to accommodate patients with urgent needs and life-threatening infections because we do not have appointments open to schedule them for a physician visit.

There currently is a 9 to 12 week waiting time for patients seeking the type of Infectious Disease services that Dr Cedeno will provide. The next-nearest provider for Infectious Disease is approximately 15 miles away and only offer services once a week. We have several patients that travel over 100 miles to see our physicians, and our clinic has a walk-in policy for members of the community that need help with prep for HIV and STD's. Due to a lack of appropriate treatment in a nearer location; it is unknown but can be imagined that there are several patients who require treatment but cannot make that trip.

A recent study in the journal of Infectious Disease shows supply and demand projections over the next decade and found that, already, Infectious Disease has a shortfall of about 500 providers. The gap will for sure widen significantly due to the current pandemic of covid-19 and demand for Infectious Disease providers. These types of demographics have rendered the patient experience and patient care sub-optimal in the Las Vegas area. These issues would be greatly improved by the presence of Dr Cedeno in our clinic.

Sincerely,

Page McCalister
VP of Operations

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Complete and check all applicable fields, corresponding boxes and enter all required information:

Candidate's Information:

Candidate's Full Name: Mohamed ALIBAKHIET

Residency Discipline: Internal Medicine
Residency Timeframe: July 2017 to June 2020
Location of Residency: Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, Bronx, NY

Fellowship(s)/Specialty: Critical Care Medicine
Fellowship(s) Timeframe1: July 2020 to June 2022
Location of Fellowship(s)1: Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY

Employer's Information:

Employer's Full Name: Eid Nevada Critical Care, PLLC dba United Critical Care
Employer's Address: 6040 S. Fort Apache Rd, Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89109

Practice Site #1: Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center
Practice Site #1 Address: 3186 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89109
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: 40

Select and input all that apply:

- ☒ Practice Site #1 HPSA (#1328484648) ☒ Practice Site #1 MUA (#07866) ☐ Flex spot
☐ Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) ☐ Tribal Health Center
☐ Rural Health Clinic (RHC) ☐ Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

Practice Site #2*: N/A
Practice Site #2 Address: N/A
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: Number of Hours site#2
Select all that apply:

- ☐ Practice Site #2 HPSA (#HPSA#) ☐ Practice Site #2 MUA (#MUA#) ☐ Flex spot
☐ Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) ☐ Tribal Health Center
☐ Rural Health Clinic (RHC) ☐ Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

More than two additional practice sites: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If additional practice sites, please copy and add all additional practice locations here or at end of form

Official Legal Representative and Contact Person for Application:

Contact Name: Rachel Bus
Contact Mailing Address: 3080 N. Litchfield Rd Goodyear, AZ 85395
Contact e-mail: rbus@breljelaw.com
Contact telephone: 623-792-1752

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Official Contact Person for Employment Verification and Site Information:

Contact Name: Shawna Murdock
Contact Mailing Address: 6040 S. Fort Apache Rd, Suite 100 Las Vegas NV, 89148
Contact e-mail: smurdock@unitedcriticalcare.com
Contact telephone: 702-476-4900

Employer and Candidate, as identified above, 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.

Employer and Candidates have provided all necessary information for review of this application by the Primary Care Council including the following:

- ☒ Copy of the contract between the Employer and Candidate;
- ☒ Copy of the Candidate curriculum vitae and passport pages;
- ☒ Letter from Employer: description of the Candidate's qualifications, responsibilities and how this employment will satisfy important unmet health care needs within the designated area;
- ☒ Summation tables identifying the breakdown of patient visits billed by payment category;
- ☒ Documentation of employer recruitment efforts for US citizens for two months prior to submission of the application, UNLESS the requirement was waived for a rural employer with emergent needs;
- ☒ Long-range retention plans which include the following: CME benefit, competitive salary and paid time off.
- ☒ Copy of letter from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (NSBME) acknowledging Candidate's application for medical licensure;
- ☒ INS Form G-28 OR letter from a law office if the candidate has an attorney OR a statement that the applicant does not have an attorney;
- ☒ Copies of all DS-2019's "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1 Visa Waiver) Status" (INS form(s) I-94 for the candidate and any family members; proof of passage of examinations required by Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI); transcripts for all 3 sections of *United States Medical Licensing Examinations* (USMLE); and certification from *Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates* (ECFMG).

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;

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- ☒ 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 (verify and enter missing data):

- ☒ 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>): Prevailing wage (FLC Median wage for Physicians and Surgeons, All Other: \$233,854/ Contracted wage \$350,000 base pay
- ☒ 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;
- ☒ Liquidated damages (suggested to be under \$50,000) in the event that the physician or employer terminates the contract before three years is included in the contract - Employer \$25,000/Physician \$25,000;
- ☒ 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(l) 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.

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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/>.

Authorized Employer:

Employer Company/Business Name

Employer Representative Name (First/Last)

Title

Employer Signature

Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of:

County of:

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: _____

Candidate/Physician:

Candidate Name (First/Last)

Title

Candidate Signature

Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

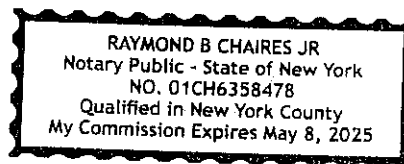
State of:

County of:

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 6th day of JAN, 20 22

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: MAY 2025



Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation

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Authorized Employer:

United Critical Care
Employer Company/Business Name

Wael EID
Employer Representative Name (First/Last)

Manager
Title

[Signature]
Employer Signature

1-25-2022
Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

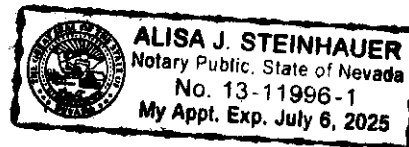
State of: Nevada

County of: Clark

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 25th day of January, 2022

[Signature]
Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: July 06, 2025



Candidate/Physician:

Candidate Name (First/Last)

Title

Candidate Signature

Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of: _____

County of: _____

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

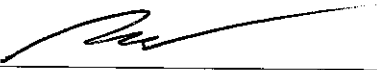
Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: _____

PRACTICE SITE ATTESTATION

Eid Nevada Critical Care, PLLC dba United Critical Care will employ Dr. Alibakhiet to work full-time at Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, located at 3186 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89109. I attest that our practice accepts all patients at this site regardless of ability to pay, and that we accept Medicaid, Nevada Check-up and Medicare on assignment. I further attest that we use a sliding-fee scaled based on federal poverty guidelines to discount services to low-income uninsured persons.

Attached is a copy of our sliding fee scale, discount policy, and notice of discounts to patients.



Wael Eid, MD
Practice Manager
Eid Nevada Critical Care, PLLC dba United Critical Care

Date 1-25-2022



Find Shortage Areas by Address

Enter an address to determine whether it is located in a shortage area: HPSA Geographic, HPSA Geographic High Needs, or Population Group HPSA or an MUA/P.

Note: This search will not identify facility HPSAs. To find these HPSAs, use the [HPSA Find \(/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find\)](#) tool.

Address

3186 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV

[Start Over](#)
[Print](#)

Standardized address

3186 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89109

HPSA Data as of 09/07/2021

MUA Data as of 09/07/2021

[\[+\]](#) More about this address

In a Dental Health HPSA: ✓ Yes

HPSA Name: LI-South Las Vegas
Paradise

ID: 6327148874

Designation Type: HPSA Population

Status: Designated

Score: 19

Designation Date: 10/27/2017

Last Update Date: 10/27/2017

In a Mental Health HPSA: ✓ Yes

HPSA Name: MHCA Northern Urban
Clark

ID: 7321084044

Designation Type: High Needs

Geographic HPSA

Status: Designated

Score: 16

Designation Date: 11/29/2017

Last Update Date: 11/29/2017

In a Primary Care HPSA: ✓ Yes

HPSA Name: LI-South Las Vegas
Paradise

ID: 1328484648

Designation Type: HPSA Population

Status: Designated

Score: 16

Designation Date: 10/27/2017

Last Update Date: 10/27/2017

In a MUA/P: ✓ Yes

Service Area Name: Low Income -
Paradise Service Area

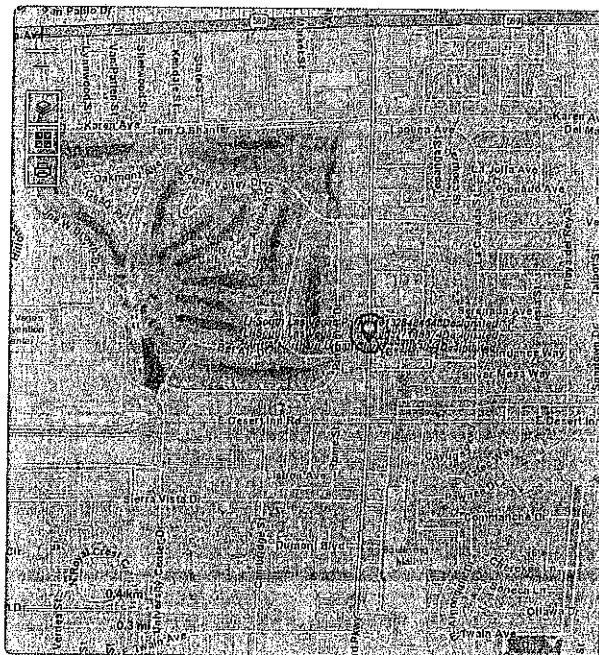
ID: 07866

Designation Type: Medically

Underserved Population

Designation Date: 05/22/2012

Last Update Date: 05/22/2012



Note: The address you entered is geocoded and then compared against the HPSA and MUA/P data in data.HRSA.gov. Due to geoprocessing limitations, the designation cannot be guaranteed to be 100% accurate and does not constitute an official determination.

Related Content

Related Tools

[Shortage Areas Batch](#)

Charity Discount Policy

Financial relief may be available to patients who have received non-elective care and do not qualify for state or federal assistance and are unable to establish partial payments or pay their balance. In most cases, this will apply to patients who fall between 0 - 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Federal Poverty Levels based on total household income, with sufficient supporting documentation provided by the patient, will have a 100% Charity discount processed.

For patients with balances greater than \$1,500, and whose documented income is in-between 201 and 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, we have an expanded financial assistance policy that may reduce the amount you owe. To determine if non-elective services you received could be eligible for either full charity or partial charity, please contact your hospital for details on how you may see if you are eligible to receive assistance.

Some locations may have identified additional criteria for charity eligibility besides the Federal Poverty Levels as noted above (i.e., high medical costs, more lenient income levels, etc.). To verify your eligibility for assistance under this policy, we recommend you contact the hospital.

A validation must be completed by the hospital to ensure that if any portion of the patient's medical services can be paid by any federal, or state governmental health care program (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, Champus, Medicare secondary payor), private insurance company, or other private, non-governmental third-party payor, that the payment has been received and posted to the account. No charity discount can be applied to any account with any outstanding payer liability.

All Medicare accounts and all non-Medicare inpatient accounts will be required to have supporting income verification documentation. Medicare requires independent income and resource verification for a charity care determination with respect to Medicare beneficiaries (PRM-I § 312).

Income Verification:

For Medicare beneficiaries, in addition to thorough completion of the Financial Assistance Application, the preferred income documentation will be the most current year's Federal Tax Return. Any patient/responsible party unable to provide his/her most recent Federal Tax Return may provide two pieces of supporting documentation from the following list to meet this income verification requirement:

- State Income Tax Return for the most current year
- Most Recent Employer Pay Stubs
- Written documentation from income sources
- Copy of all bank statements for the last three months
- Current credit report

Uninsured Discount Policy

[Check Symptoms and Find Care](#)

All Self-Pay patients, excluding elective cosmetic procedures and facility designated self-pay flat rate procedures , will receive discount similar to managed care, referred to as an "uninsured discount". The Uninsured Discount is limited to patients who have no third party payer source of payment or do not qualify for Medicaid, Charity or any other discount program the facility offers. The amount of the discount offered may vary by location based on state requirements, patient income levels, and local rates.

At the time of service, patients will be asked to make payment in full or establish monthly payment arrangements on the patient liability amount.

Patients confirmed to be uninsured (or their responsible party) will be presented with an Uninsured Patient Information document that provides information on the Uninsured Discount Policy and other available discounts and payment options. This document will outline the process for uninsured discounts and inform the patient of additional account resolution options (i.e. monthly payments). The patient/responsible party will be asked to sign and date the document at the time of service.

Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center makes no guarantees regarding the accuracy of the pricing information provided herein. The pricing information provided by this website is strictly an estimate of prices, and Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center cannot guarantee the accuracy of any estimates. All estimates are based on information provided by a prospective patient and do not include, among other things, any unforeseen complications, additional tests or procedures, and non-hospital related charges, any of which may increase the ultimate pricing for the services provided. Any prospective patient should understand that a final bill for services rendered at Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center may differ substantially from the information provided by this website, and Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center shall not be liable for any inaccuracies.

[Check Symptoms and Find Care](#)



United Critical Care Financial Policy

It is the policy of *United Critical Care* to provide quality, equal access to care for all patients regardless of their age, gender, race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

Providers of *United Critical Care* will see all patients admitted to ICU or MICU without regard to the patient's ability to pay.

Insurance: *United Critical Care* will file insurance for all insurance carriers that the patients may have.

Medicare and Medicaid: All Providers of *United Critical Care* participate in Medicare and Medicaid plans including the HMO Plans associated with Medicare and Medicaid.

No Insurance: Uninsured patients are given the opportunity to express hardship by means of a hardship letter and proof of income. *United Critical Care* utilizes the Federal Poverty Guidelines and uses a sliding scale based on these guidelines.

United Critical Care Sliding Fee Scale/2020

Sliding Fee Scale is based on household size and the Federal Poverty Guidelines as follows:

% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)	Qualifies for % Discount of Bill
200% or less of FPG	100% write off of bill
250% of FPG	80% discount
300% of FPG	70% discount
350% of FPG	60% discount
400% of FPG	50% discount



January 25, 2022

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

RE: Request for Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health recommendation of a J-1 Waiver for Dr. Mohamed Alibakhiet

Dear Health Official:

Eid Nevada Critical Care, PLLC dba United Critical Care requests the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health act as an interested government agency and recommend a J-1 waiver for Dr. Alibakhiet, a citizen of Canada.

THE EMPLOYER

Founded in 2010, Eid Nevada Critical Care, PLLC dba United Critical Care is a multi-specialty practice committed to serving the Las Vegas community by providing excellent in-hospital care to patients.

PROPOSED RESPONSIBILITIES

Dr. Alibakhiet will be employed in the position of Critical Care Intensivist.

His duties will be as follows: diagnose and treat critical injuries and/or diseases of human internal organ systems and determine the nature and extent of the injury or disease. Perform work ups and tests to diagnose the illness, injury or disease. Refer to diagnostic images and tests and use medical instruments and equipment to help diagnose and treat the illness, injury or disease. Prescribe medication and recommend dietary and activity programs, as indicated by the diagnosis.

PHYSICIAN'S QUALIFICATIONS

Dr. Alibakhiet is well qualified to fill this position. He received his medical degree from the American University of Antigua in Antigua and Barbados in 2017. In 2020, he completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Lincoln Hospital in Bronx, New York. He is currently scheduled to complete his Critical Care Fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City in June 2022. He has applied for medical licensure in the State of Nevada.

THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

Eid Nevada Critical Care, PLLC dba United Critical Care has offered Dr. Alibakhiet at least three years of employment, and he has agreed to begin working Sunrise Hospital (3186 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109) in Clark County, within 90 days of receiving a J-1 waiver. United Critical Care's physicians accept Medicaid/Medicare eligible patients and medically indigent patients.

Sunrise Hospital is located in Census Tract 0019.02 within the Health Professional Shortage Area of Low-Income South Las Vegas Paradise (identifier number 1328484648), and the Medically Underserved Population of Low Income- Paradise Service Area (identifier number 07866).

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Dr. ALIBAKHIET
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United Critical Care™

LUNG-SLEEP MEDICINE

The patient population Dr. Alibakhiet will be treating are residents of Las Vegas and the surrounding areas. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 14% of the population in Clark County is living below the Federal Poverty Line, and 13% of the population has no health insurance. Dr. Alibakhiet's employment with Eid Nevada Critical Care will help the underserved and indigent populations in Las Vegas by increasing access to qualified and affordable healthcare.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact information for the work site:

Name of employment site 1:	Sunrise Hospital
Employment site address:	3189 S. Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89109
Telephone Number:	(702) 476-4900
Fax Number:	(702) 476-4949

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Legal representative and contact person for application:

Name:	Rachel Bus
Phone:	(623) 536-5750
Email:	rbus@breljelaw.com

Contact person for employment verification and site information:

Name:	Shawna Murdock, Office Manager
Phone:	(702) 476-4900
Email address:	smurdock@unitedcriticalcare.com

CONCLUSION

These qualifications demonstrating education and training make Dr. Alibakhiet well suited for a position with Eid Nevada Critical Care, PLLC dba United Critical Care. Employment of Dr. Alibakhiet will serve the unmet needs of individuals in the shortage area, and therefore, we are requesting your recommendation of the enclosed waiver application. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Wael Eid, MD
Practice Manager
Eid Nevada Critical Care, PLLC dba United Critical Care

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full Name:	Dr. Mohamed Alibakhiet
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	
Countries of Citizenship:	
DOS Case Number:	
Description of Residency Training:	Dr. Alibakhiet is currently finishing his Critical Care Fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, NY. He started his fellowship program on July 1, 2020 and will complete the program on June 30, 2022. He previously completed his Residency in Internal Medicine at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in Bronx, New York.
Proposed Position Responsibilities:	As a Critical Care Physician, Dr. Alibakhiet will diagnose and treat critical injuries and/or diseases of human internal organ systems and determine the nature and extent of the injury or disease. Perform work ups and tests to diagnose the illness, injury or disease. Refer to diagnostic images and tests and use medical instruments and equipment to help diagnose and treat the illness, injury or disease. Prescribe medication and recommend dietary and activity programs, as indicated by the diagnosis.
Description of Qualifications:	Dr. Alibakhiet is well qualified for this position, as he holds a Medical Degree from the American University of Antigua and will soon complete his Critical Care Fellowship in June 2022.

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Fellowship

Mount Sinai, ICAHN School of Medicine – New York, NY

July 2020 to June 2022

- Critical Care Medicine

Residency

Lincoln Weill Cornell – Bronx, NY

July 2017 to June 2020

- Internal Medicine

Medical Education

American University of Antigua – Antigua & Barbuda

October 2014 to June 2017

- Doctor of Medicine
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude – GPA 3.86

Medical University of the Americas – St. Kitts & Nevis

May 2012 to September 2014

- Basic Sciences Diploma – GPA 3.58

Summary

- Certified in ICU procedures: Central Venous Catheters, PICC placement, Hemodialysis Catheters, Peripheral IV catheters (Midlines), Arterial Lines, Bronchoscopies, Intubations, Lumbar Punctures, Thoracentesis and Paracentesis
- Triage and Rhesus of Critically Ill (Rapid Response Team)
- Ventilators Management and Non-Invasive Pressure Support (BiPAP & CPAP)
- Management of Cardiothoracic ICU (LVAD, Impella, IABP, V-A & V-V ECMO), CVVH, SLED, SCUF
- Point of Care Ultrasonography for diagnostics and management, Echocardiography, EKG & General Imaging
- Knowledgeable in EPIC for accurate documentation and data extraction
- Consistently recognized by Attending Physicians and co-residents for superior job performance and excellent patient care

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

Brooklyn, NY

January 2015 to June 2017

Research Assistant

- Reviewed CT-Angiograms of 1,777 patients who were suspected of having a Pulmonary Embolism (PE) from 2011 through 2015
- Categorized patients who were positive for PE according to age at time of event, sex, location and distribution of emboli
- Performed statistical analysis to determine if side and lobar predilection were significant
- Assessed and correlated the mortality risk of patients who suffered a DVT shortly after the PE event
- Investigated current guidelines for PE/DVT prophylaxis to determine their effectiveness in reducing these events
- Prepared and presented poster at the Annual Department of Medicine Research Day
- Prepared abstract and submitted it to Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM)
- Prepared and submitted abstract detailing findings to American Society of Hematology (ASH)

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Publications

- Dr. Bhansali, A., **Alibakhiet, M.**, Nasiri, W., Dr. Goldberg, U., Dr. Mukherji, R. "Do Pulmonary Emboli Demonstrate a Lateral Preference?" *Journal of Society of Critical Care Medicine* 43(12): 749. December 2015
- Dr. Goldberg, U., Nasiri, W., **Alibakhiet, M.**, Dr. Jean, H., Dr. Mukherji, R., Dr. Kalavar, M. "Incidence of Pulmonary Embolism with Concomitant Deep Vein Thrombosis at an Urban Community Teaching Hospital." *American Hematologic Society*, Blood 126(23). December 2015
- Dr. Goldberg, **Alibakhiet, M.**, Nasiri, W., Dr. Mukherji, R., Dr. Kalavar, M. "Mortality Risk in Pulmonary Embolism with Right and Left Heart Failure at a Community Teaching Hospital" *Journal of Cardiac Failure*, Volume 22, issue 8 page S93. August 2016.
- Dr. Goldberg, U., Dr. Htwe, Y., Nasiri, W., **Alibakhiet, M.**, Dr. Mukherji, R., Dr. Kalavar, M. "Mortality Risk in Patients with Pulmonary Embolism and Concomitant Deep Vein Thrombosis at a Community Teaching Hospital" *Society of Critical Care Medicine*, Volume 44- Issue 12 page 231. December 2016
- Dr. Goldberg, U., Dr. Ishtiaq, S., Nasiri, W., **Alibakhiet, M.**, Dr. Mukherji, R., Kalavar, M. "Incidence of Pulmonary Embolism with Right Ventricular Dysfunction and Congestive Heart Failure at a Community Teaching Hospital"

Certifications

- American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) – August 2020
 - ABIM ID 416567
- Emergency Neurological Life Support (ENLS) – February 2021
- Basic Life Support (BLS) – February 2020
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) – April 2021
- ECFMG Certificate – April 2017
 - Successful completion of USMLE Steps 1, 2CK, 2CS & 3

Memberships

- Society of Critical Care Medicine
- American College of Physicians

Activities/Interests

- Sports: Basketball, biking, hiking, tennis and swimming
- Problem Solving: Chess, Sudoku and Math Puzzles
- Travel: Traveled across Canada, Caribbean, Africa & UK

FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



January 25, 2022

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Primary Care Office
5140 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

RE: Letter of Support for J-1 Waiver for Dr. Mohamed Alibakhiet

Dear Health Official:

Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center writes this letter in support of the J-1 waiver application for Dr. Alibakhiet. We are Las Vegas' largest acute care facility, and we have served the local community for over 60 years.

Critical Care/Intensivist physicians employed by Eid Nevada Critical Care, PLLC dba United Critical Care provide in-hospital care for patients in our intensive care unit, and we are hoping to fill at least four current vacancies. We have a shortage of critical care physicians due the resignations and retirements. Currently, seven full-time critical care/intensivist physicians have hospital privileges at our facility. Our current physician to patient ratio is 1:20, whereas our optimal ratio would be 1:12.


Furthermore, due to the ongoing pandemic, it is critical that we maintain optimum physician staffing levels at our facility. Critical care/intensivist positions are crucial during a pandemic. Not only are critical care/intensivist physicians needed to treat surges in patients being admitted due to COVID-19, but the regular case load of patients must also be treated.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 14% of the population in Clark County is living below the Federal Poverty Line, and 13% of the population has no health insurance. Dr. Alibakhiet's employment with Eid Nevada Critical Care dba United Critical Care will help the underserved and indigent populations in Las Vegas by increasing access to qualified and affordable healthcare.

Dr. Alibakhiet is well qualified to fill this position. He is currently scheduled to complete his Critical Care Fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City in June 2022. He has applied for medical licensure in the State of Nevada.

Employment of Dr. Alibakhiet will serve the unmet needs of individuals in the shortage area and unmet staffing needs at our facility, and therefore, we are requesting your recommendation of Dr. Alibakhiet's waiver application. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Todd P. Stammberg
Chief Executive Officer

Complete the table below to document the number and percent of patient visits billed for each category of payment for a twelve-month period (e.g. Dec. 1, 2018 – Nov. 30, 2018), prior to submission of the application. This data should be specific to the practice and the facility in which the doctor works. If you are applying as a specialist to work in a hospital and an outpatient clinic, please complete the table for both inpatient and outpatient clients. Although there is no minimum value required for the percentage of patient visits for the underserved, if the sum percentage of Medicare, Medicaid, NV Check-up, Sliding Fee Scale and Indigent/Charity visits is less than 25%, include a written justification that outlines how the site makes services available to underserved populations.

Time period of report:		
	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	14155	32%
Medicaid visits	10677	24%
NV Check-up	0	
Sliding Fee Scale	0	
Indigent/Charity	3285	7%
Other - Not listed above	16495	37%
Totals	44612	100%
*For specialists/hospitalists:		
	*Time period of report: 09/01/2020 - 08/31/2021	
*# of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type (03/01/2021 - 08/31/2021)	822	

SLIDING FEE SCALE WOULD
APPLY TO SELF PAY PATIENTS

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

# of MDs by FTE	7
# of PAs by FTE	0
# of APNs by FTE	0