Fellowship Start Date Update

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CoPS’ Recommendations

• Recommendations
  ▪ *Beginning with the 2017 appointment year, Pediatric Subspecialty Fellowships should start no earlier than July 7*
  ▪ *Orientation should not be scheduled before July 5*

• Survey results and recommendations published in *Journal of Pediatrics* Aug 2015
Key Issues

• Health insurance
  ▪ COBRA
  ▪ Educate trainees

• H1B visa
  ▪ Due to regulatory changes, 10 day gap possible

• J-1 Visa
  ▪ Brief gap (<30 days) for pediatric trainees allowed
  ▪ No fee
  ▪ Form posted on ECFMG website
Exchange Visitor Sponsorship Program (EVSP)

Forms and Memos

Forms: Required Reporting

- Validation of Initial Arrival of ECFMG Sponsored J-1 Physicians for SEVIS Reporting
- Required Notification of Off-site Rotation / Elective
- Required Notification of a Leave of Absence
- Required Notification of J-1 Physician Resignation
- Required Notification of J-1 Physician Dismissal
- Required Notification of Remediation
- Required Reporting by J-1 Physician of Incident or Allegation
- Required Reporting by TPL of Incident or Allegation

Forms: Supplemental Application Materials

- Application involving Brief Gap Between Pediatrics Residency and Fellowship
- English Language Proficiency Attestation
- Form I-644: Supplementary Statement for Graduate Medical Trainees
- GMEC & Parent Program Verification Form
- Guidelines for Non-standard Discipline Program Description
- Guidelines for Research Program Description
- Guidelines for Training Program Description
- Instructions for J-2 Dependent Applicants
- Request for Duplicate Form DS-2019
- Sample Statement of Need
Request for Sponsorship Authorization: Gap in Training for Pediatrics Trainees

Many U.S. Pediatrics fellowship programs now begin between July 1 and July 15, rather than on the traditional July 1 start date, resulting in a brief gap between the completion of a residency and entry into fellowship training. This has a direct impact on ECFMG-sponsored Pediatrics trainees since J-1 regulations require full-time participation in a program of graduate medical education (GME). In an effort to address this issue, the U.S. Department of State (DoS) has authorized ECFMGs to sponsor J-1 physicians during the period between the programs, provided the following eligibility requirements are met:

- Submission of a complete application for sponsorship continuation in an ACGME-accredited Pediatrics subspecialty discipline;
- Completion and submission of this form in PDF format to the applicant’s pending (fellowship) application record; and
- The gap between residency and fellowship is less than 30 days.

Applicant Information

FULL NAME: __________________________
USMLE/ECFMG #: ____________________
SEVIS ID: ____________________________
FELLOWSHIP HOST INSTITUTION: ________
SUBSPECIALTY DISCIPLINE: ____________
PROPOSED DATES OF GAP: ______________

Certification Statement

As a J-1 physician sponsored by ECFMG, I confirm the following:

1. I understand that the time between programs is to be used to transition from one program to the next and carries no work or training authorization; any work or training pursued during the period identified above will be deemed to be a violation of my J-1 status.

2. As required in 22CFR§621, I and any/all accompanying J-2 dependents will maintain required levels of health insurance during the gap period identified above and any additional time until coverage is available through the new training program/institution.

J-1 PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE: _________________________ DATE: ____________

*Additional documentation may be requested upon review of sponsorship application and this form.

SCAN AND UPLOAD THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE J-1 PHYSICIAN’S PENDING APPLICATION RECORD VIA EVMED (TPI) OR OASIS (J-1 PHYSICIAN)
Implementation

• Institution dependent
• Who said they were delaying their start date?

• Boston Children’s
• CHOP
• University of Pittsburgh Med Ctr
• Children’s Mercy Hospital
• Lurie Children’s
• University of Chicago (all programs)
• UCSF
• Emory
• UVa (all programs)

• Primary Children’s
• Duke
• University of North Carolina
• Rainbow Babies
• Children’s Hospital of Alabama
• Children’s Hospital of Michigan
• Cardinal Glennon Children’s
• University of Louisville
• Cincinnati Children’s
Implementation

• Who actually delayed their start date?
• What was the experience of first year fellows?
• Two surveys
  - In collaboration with ABP Education and Training Committee
  - First year fellows
  - Fellowship program directors
Please advocate for our trainees...this is a well-being issue!