

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



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Forms: Required Reporting

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[Required Notification of Off-site Rotation / Elective](#)

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[Required Reporting by J-1 Physician of Incident or Allegation](#)

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Forms: Supplemental Application Materials

[Application Involving Brief Gap Between Pediatrics Residency and Fellowship](#)

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- [Exchange Visitor Program Welcome Brochure](#)
- [Wilberforce Pamphlet on the Rights and Protections of Temporary Workers](#)
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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 ECFMG 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§62, 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 EVNET (TPL) OR OASIS (J-1 PHYSICIAN)

Implementation

- Institution dependent
 - Who said they were delaying their start date?
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 |
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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!