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## **NRMP Statement Regarding Recent Trump Administration Orders Related to International Citizens**

The NRMP is issuing this statement in response to recent actions taken by the Trump Administration related foreign nationals.

- On May 27, the U.S. Department of State instructed embassies and consular posts to pause the scheduling interviews/appointments for J, F, and M visa applicants. The pause extends to all those applying for J-1 visas, including physicians.
- On June 4, the administration issued an order barring entry into the United States for foreign nationals from 12 countries – Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Haiti, Iran and Yemen – and partially restricting entry for citizens from Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela.

We recognize that international medical graduates (IMGs) who are seeking or have secured residency training in the United States apply for J-1 visas and may intend to travel to the United States from countries specified under the June 4<sup>th</sup> restrictions. We are working with ECFMG, a division of Intealth, to understand the scope of impact for individuals anticipated to begin training on or around July 1 of this year. Programs with matched applicants from a restricted country(s) may request a waiver of the Match commitment through the NRMP website (link below).

We also recognize that IMG's whose visa appointments are already scheduled and who have been cleared to proceed may be challenged to begin training on time. For those programs affected by the May 27<sup>th</sup> announcement, we ask you consider a delayed start or a one-year deferral of the match commitment in lieu of a waiver, if possible, to allow those IMGs facing prolonged delays the opportunity to finalize visa processing and move forward with their training. That said, we recognize the hardship this could impose, and programs requesting a waiver(s) may be granted if a matched applicant is unable to begin the program on time.

The NRMP will maintain regular communication with the ECFMG to stay apprised of any developments and monitor the situation. Questions about IMG visa application and processing should be directed to the [ECFMG](#). Questions about Match Policy should be directed to [policy@nrmp.org](mailto:policy@nrmp.org).

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