



### **Guidance for Programs: Applicant Visa Processing Delays**

On Friday, June 6, the NRMP [released a statement](#) regarding changes in visa and immigration policies for foreign nationals. The intent was to provide guidance to the programs and international medical graduates (IMG) anticipating a July 1 start of training.

On Wednesday, June 18, the NRMP learned from Intealth that the U.S. Department of State has lifted the pause on new visa applications and that J-1 physicians have been prioritized for visa interview scheduling. To that end, the NRMP is asking programs to consider a delayed start or a one-year deferral of the match commitment in lieu of a waiver. A one-year deferral allows programs to recruit for this appointment year and IMGs the opportunity to finalize visa processing and honor their match commitments next year.

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