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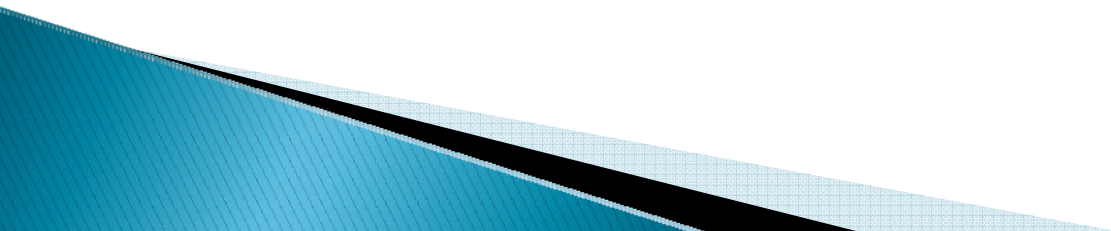
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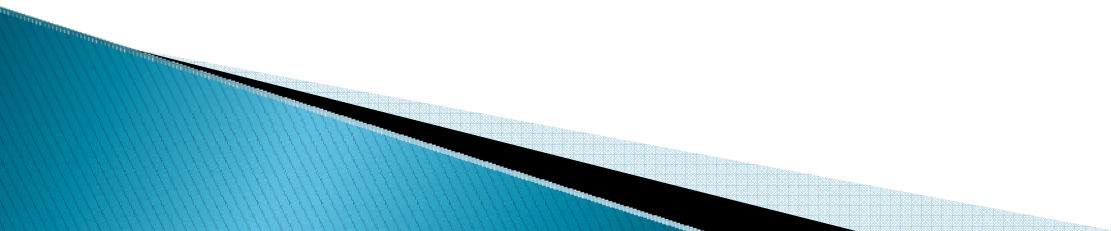
# Nevada's J-1 Visa Application Process

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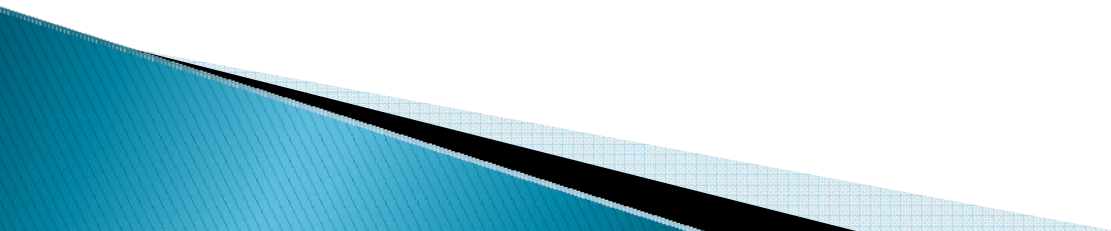
# What is a J-1 Visa?

- ▶ J-1 Visa is federal legislation designed to allow foreign physicians who completed a medical residency in the US to work in underserved areas for three years (PL 103-416). Also known as the Conrad 30 program
  - ▶ Underserved areas are established according to federal definitions and include Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) and Medically Underserved Populations (MUPs).
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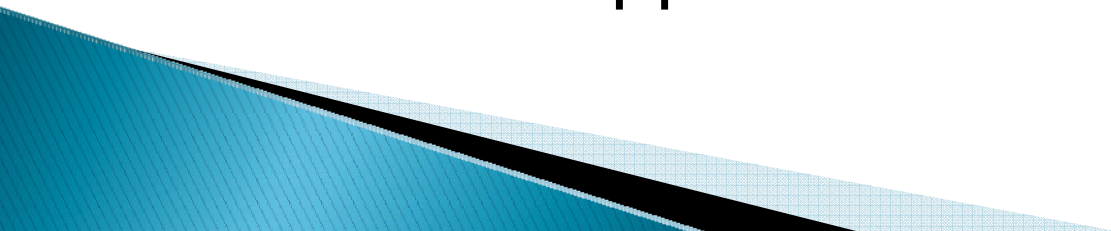
# How is it implemented?

- ▶ States can determine how to handle the J-1 Visa program within federal parameters.
  - ▶ Nevada requirements include location in a federally designated underserved area; the physician's practice must meet a primary care definition unless approved otherwise by the state.
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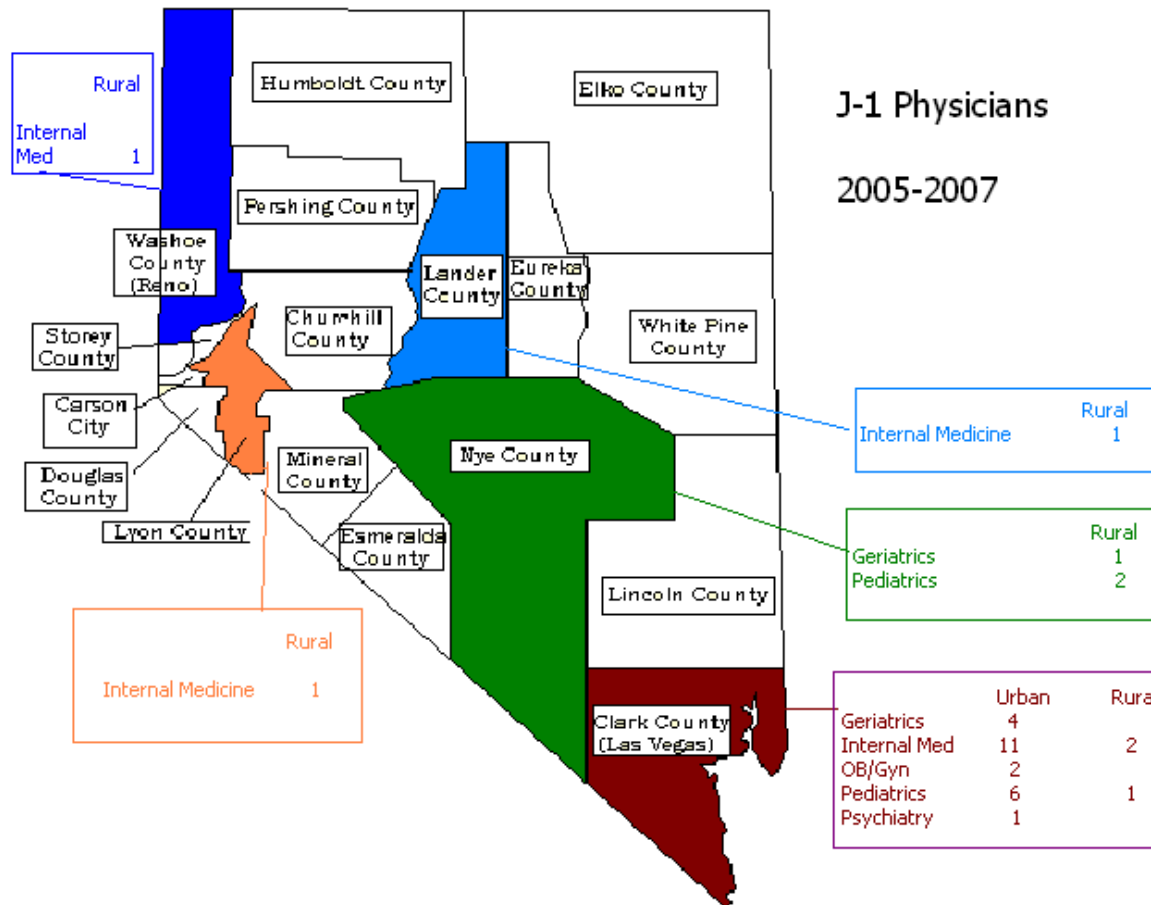
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- ▶ The site must be:
    - Safety net providers (FQHC, Rural Health Clinic etc.),
    - Or, be a provider accepting Medicaid, Medicare and Nevada Check Up;
      - and has a sliding fee scale down to \$0,
      - and will see anyone regardless of their ability to pay.
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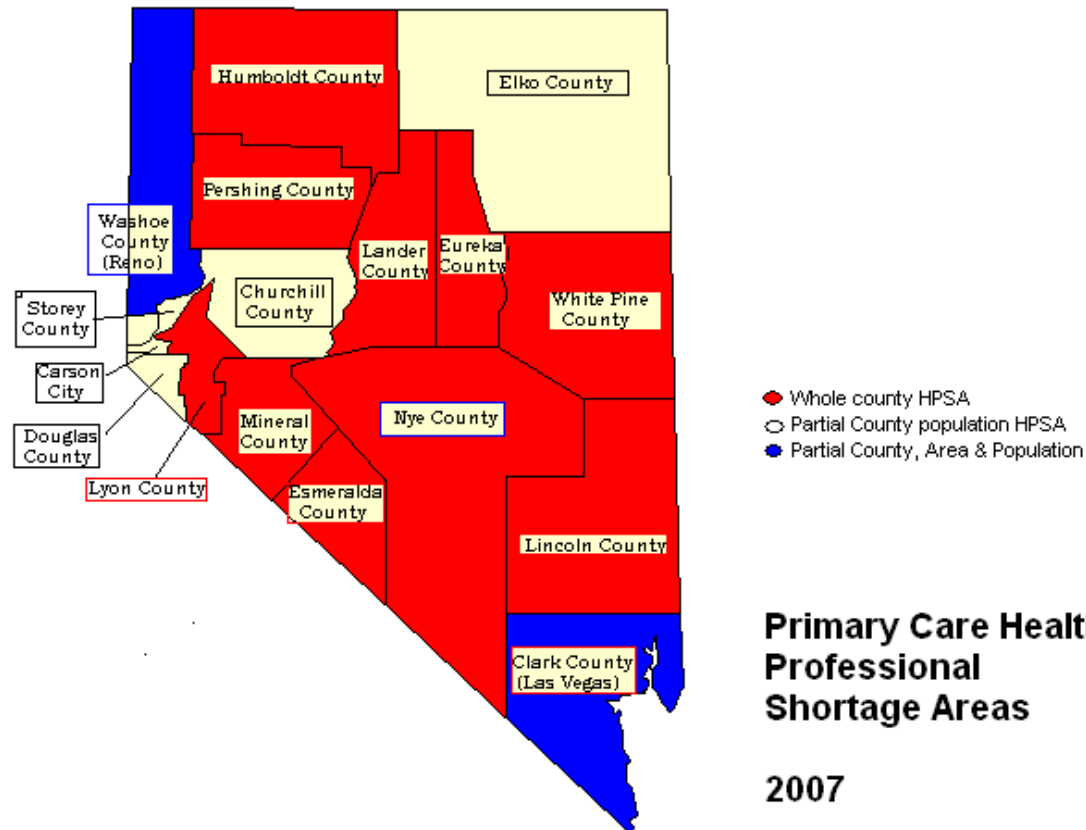
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- ▶ The physician and employer must sign a contract establishing a prevailing wage and the physician must be approved by the Board of Medical Examiners to practice in the state.
  - ▶ Physicians wanting to practice in the state submit an application to the state.
  - ▶ A Review Committee has been established to review the applications.
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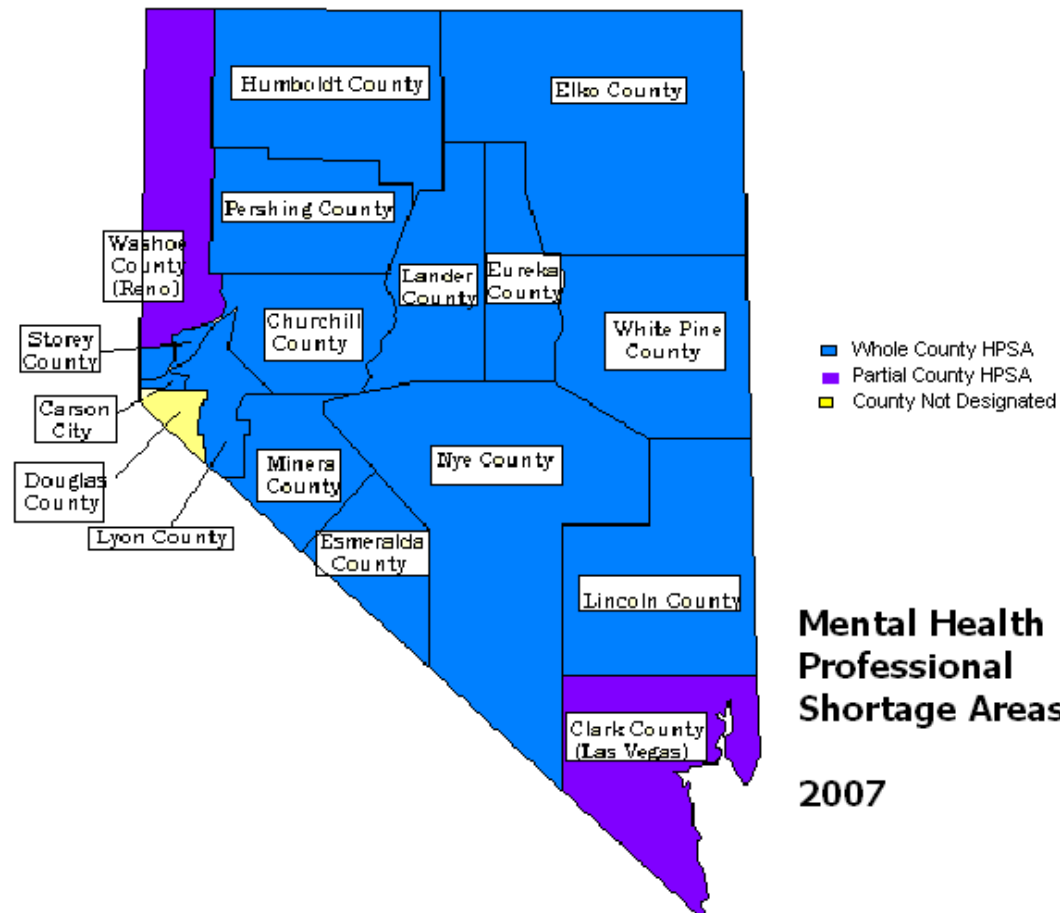
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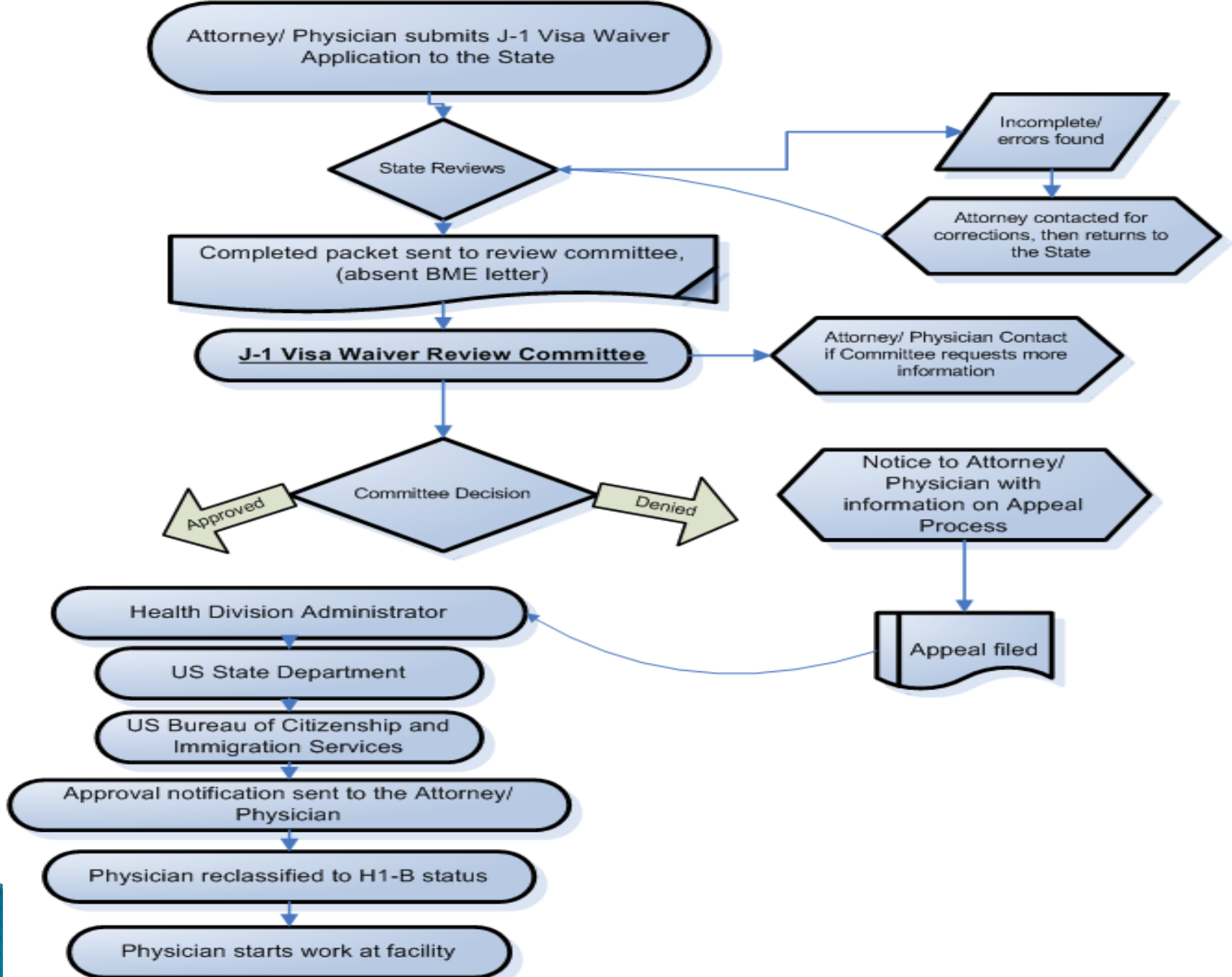


# Primary Care Shortage Areas

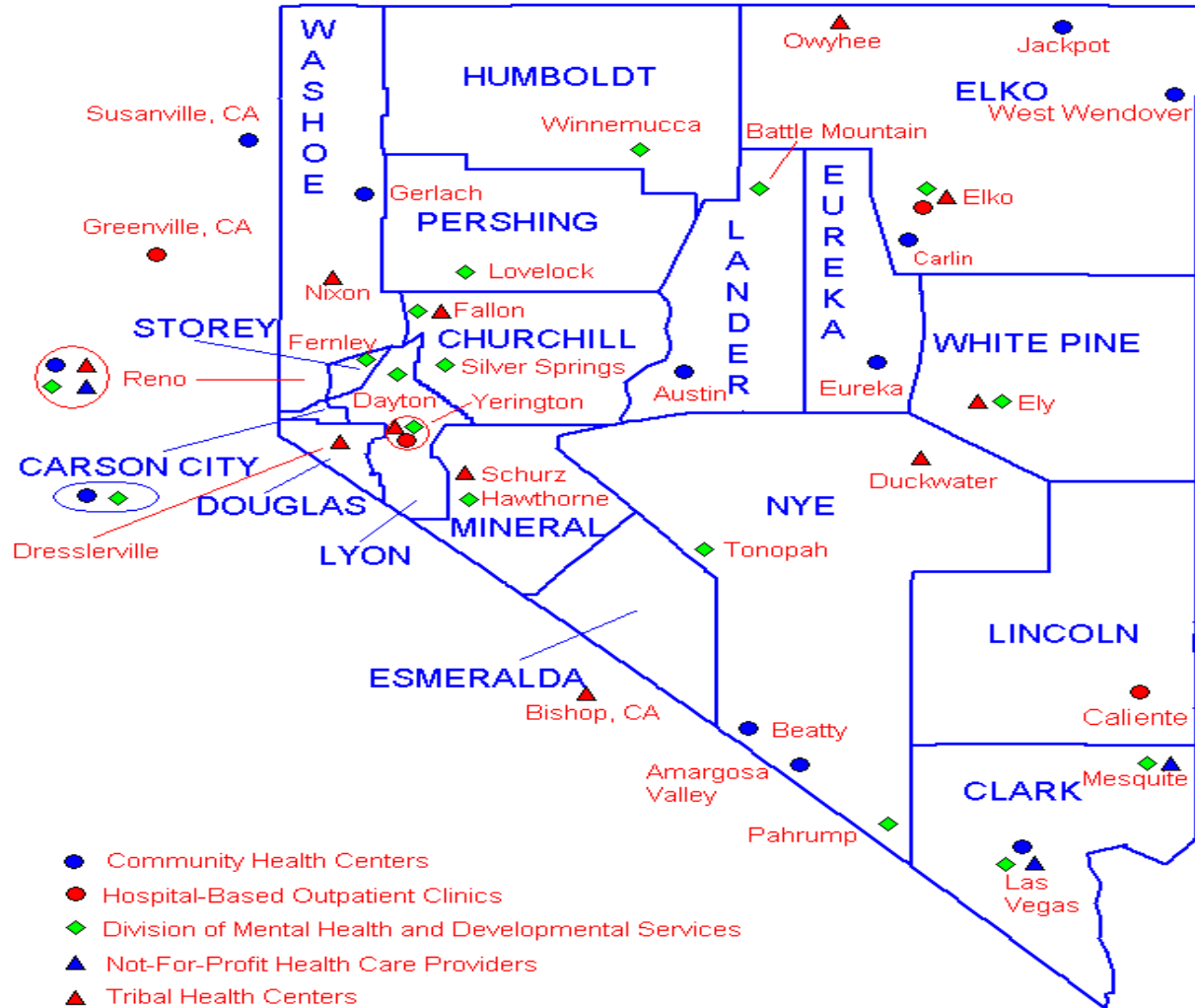


# Mental Health Shortage Areas

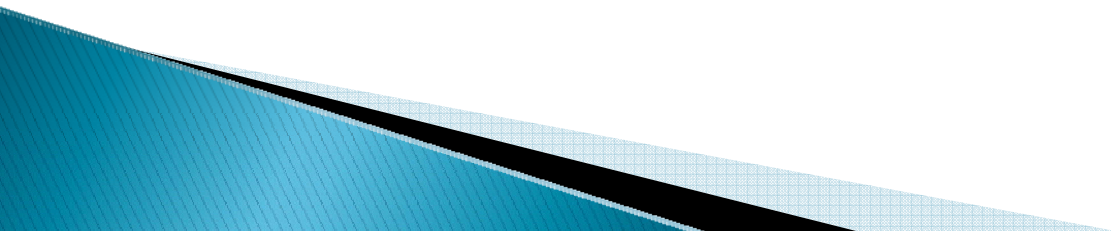




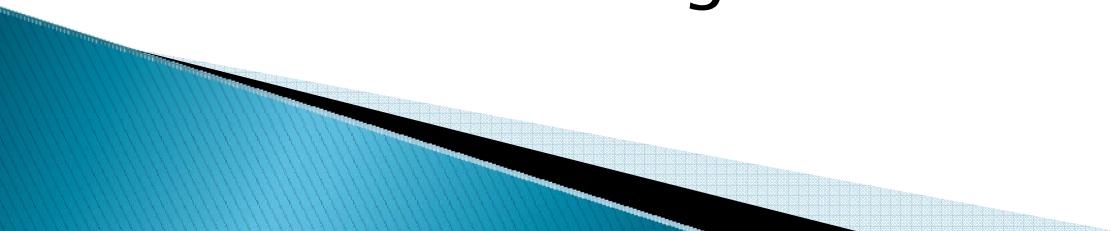
# Potential J-1 Sites



# J- 1 Visa State Comparisons

- ▶ Currently all 50 States, Washington, DC and the US Territories of the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam participate in this program.
  - ▶ In 2006, there were 865 waivers recommended nationwide. Of those 11 were from Nevada.
  - ▶ In 2005, there were 13;
  - ▶ In 2007 there are currently 9 with 2 pending.
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# Follow-Up/ Monitoring

- ▶ There is no identified funding for the J-1 Visa initiative.
  - ▶ Follow-up is conducted as funding is available.
  - ▶ Follow-up currently includes semi-annual letters to employers and physicians requiring them to verify they are working 40 hours a week in a designated area.
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# Future

- ▶ Future plans include prohibiting non-compete clauses, establishing a web-based complaint/feedback system, and confidential exit interviews.
  - ▶ Also under consideration is establishing a fee to support on-site monitoring.
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