

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Department of Health (DOH) convened a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 17, 2018, at the Hayes Building, Room 107, 600 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. The purpose of the hearing was to conduct a public hearing to amend rules regarding the J-1 Visa Waiver Program.

Hearing Officer: Justin L. Williams, Legal Counsel, South Dakota Department of Health, 600 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD.

Persons in Attendance: (1) Andy Klitzke, Office of Rural Health, South Dakota Department of Health; (2) Jill Dean, Office of Rural Health, South Dakota Department of Health; (3) Josie Petersen, Office of Rural Health, South Dakota Department of Health.

Exhibits: None offered.

Proponent Testimony:

1. Andy Klitzke testified on behalf of the South Dakota Department of Health. Mr. Klitzke stated the proposed rules were drafted to implement best practices, clarify Health Department authority to approve and allocate J-1 Visa Waiver applications, and streamline the application process. The largest change to the rules clarifies the process and criteria for allocating J-1 Visa applications. Based on feedback from the Interim Rules Review Committee, the Health Department confirmed that J-1 Visa Waiver applicants must agree to follow section 214(l) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and clarified the discounts in the sliding fee schedule in 44:63:02:10(6)(d) are minimum discounts, but discounts may exceed those levels.

Opponent Testimony: None offered.

Adjournment: 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 17, 2018


Justin L. Williams