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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Revision of Subspecialty Waiver Restriction

The restriction in the existing Alabama State-30 J-1 Visa Waiver Guidelines and Procedures that limits the availability of subspecialty waivers to only 20 per program year, is hereby lifted for the remainder of the current program year which ends September 30, 2026. In addition, the restriction limiting an employer to four slots is lifted for the current program year. Therefore, any of the 30 slots which are remaining at this time may be used for either subspecialty or primary care physicians to address provider shortages within the state.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the revision, please contact the department's J-1 Program Manager by email at J-1waiverInbox@adph.state.al.us or by phone at (334) 206-5517.

Sincerely,

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