



International Medical Graduates (IMG) Illinois Licensure Pathway

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Goal: Expanding the health care workforce and providing needed care to the people of Illinois

How to meet goal: New licensure process for internationally trained physicians to provide services

History

- June 16, 2023: Legislation signed into law
- January 1, 2025: effective date
- September 12, 2025: Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) launches new licensure process

New Pathway

- IMG applies and receives an IMG **Limited License**
 - Valid for 2 years
 - Must practice under the supervision of a same-specialty fully licensed physician
 - At an approved sponsoring institution
- After 2 years, IMG applies and receives an IMG **Restricted License**
 - Valid for 2 years
 - Practice in health professional shortage area and defined populations

LCHD/CHC Physicians

- **Family Medicine (2):**

- Dr. Dinkha (Zion)
- Dr. Zahedi (BMB)

- **Pediatricians (4):**

- Dr. Ehrenpreis (BMB)
- Dr. Esmon (Zion)
- Dr. Girbes (MLC)
- Dr. Shair (NCHC)

Discussion and Questions





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