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9 FAM 40.202 NOTES

Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to the following:

9 FAM 40.202 Notes,

N2.5 “Requests From State Departments of Public Health for Certain Foreign Medical Graduates” – N2.5b(1) The two-year timeframe to pursue graduate medical education or training in the United States was updated to year 2012.

N2.5c On October 28, 2009, (new date) through enactment of Public Law 111-83 (new law number), Congress extended the Conrad State 30 Program until September 30, 2012 (new date).

N4 “Waiver Review Responsibility in the Waiver Division (CA/VO/L/W)” -- added form name to Form DS-3035.

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