**Arrival Validation Information**

The Validation of Initial Arrival is the final step required in the J-1 visa initial application process. This step must be done immediately upon arrival to the United States. Waiting to complete this step could result in delays in your program start date or with payroll.

**UPON ARRIVAL TO THE U.S. PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR (GREEN BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, ROOM G2.246) TO SEE THE HCMC TPL, JUDI SHURSON (Judith.shurson@hcmed.org) AND BRING THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU:**

1. **The Validation of Initial Arrival Form from ECFMG**
   
   **NOTE:** You must list a residential address on the form; if you are currently searching for housing, please write where you are staying (hotel, relative, etc.) If you already have a permanent MN phone number please write it on the form.

2. Copy of most recent Form I-94 Arrival/Departure record, (or Form I-797 for internal change of status)

3. Your passport with the J-1 visa stamp.
   
   **NOTE:** Canadian citizens do not have J visa stamp

It is important that these documents are brought to me and not sent directly to ECFMC as the Validation of Initial Arrival form requires the TPL’s signature.