In certain cases, a J-1 Scholar participating in a program of observation, consultation, teaching, or research, may need to have limited patient contact in order to carry out those objectives. If patient contact is incidental to those objectives, a physician participating in a non-clinical J-1 Program can engage in limited patient contact.

If incidental patient contact is involved, the hosting department must provide a letter (on letterhead paper) signed by the dean of the Medical School or the dean’s designee, certifying the following 5-points verbatim:

- The program in which (name of physician) will participate is predominately involved in observation, consultation, teaching, or research.

- Any incidental patient contact involving the alien physician will be under the direct supervision of the physician who is a U.S. citizen or resident alien and who is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Wisconsin

- The alien physician will not be given final responsibility for the diagnosis and treatment of patients.

- Any activities of the alien physician will conform fully with state licensing requirements and regulations for medical and health care professionals in the state in which they alien physician is pursing the program.

- Any experience gained in this program will not be creditable toward any clinical requirements for medical specialty board certification.