

**OFFICE OF THE PROVOST, UNM HEALTH SCIENCES AND HEALTH  
SYSTEM: UPDATE ON PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION REGARDING  
H-1B ENTRY RESTRICTIONS**

Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday, we shared information about the presidential proclamation restricting entry of H-1B workers. Overnight, [the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\) issued guidance](#) for purposes of clarifying how the proclamation will be implemented. The guidance applies to H-1B employment-based petitions filed after 12:01 AM ET on September 21, 2025.

According to the guidance, the proclamation only applies prospectively to petitions that have not yet been filed, and does not apply to:

- Employees who already hold valid H-1B non-immigrant visas.
- The beneficiaries of currently approved petitions.
- Employees with H-1B petitions filed before September 21, 2025.
- The ability of current H-1B visa holders to travel to or from the United States.

Therefore, according to the guidance, employees at UNM who already hold valid H-1B non-immigrant visas and those whose H-1B petitions have been approved are not subject to the \$100,000 fee under the proclamation.

Sincerely,  
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