

# ***"Can we process our petitions using premium processing and how may this benefit us?"***

Currently when a U.S. immigration application is filed, it is taking **4-6 months** for USCIS to complete an initial adjudication of the case. Almost always USCIS will issue an approval notice when a case was properly filed. In some cases, USCIS may issue a Request for Evidence (RFE) seeking additional information.

A question we are often asked by our employer clients is,  
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## **The Answer is YES!**

You can process your petitions with premium processing. The USCIS charges a premium processing fee of \$1,440 per petition. HealthStaff would pay this fee on your behalf and then invoice for it as a pass-through cost without mark-up. The benefits to employers of using premium processing are:

### **• Faster Processing**

Initial case adjudication is guaranteed to be completed in 15 days instead of 4-6 months. This creates the potential for this time saving to result in visas ultimately being issued sooner than would otherwise be the case.

### **• Avoidance of RFE's**

It is our experience and the experience of leading healthcare immigration law firms filing RN petitions, that cases filed using premium processing receive requests for additional evidence far less often than do cases filed following the regular process. Depending on the nature of the RFE, this step can add up to 1-2 months of processing time.

### **• Further Significant Cost Savings**

Where premium processing results in shorter overall visa processing times and you are able to reduce overtime, contract and travel staff every time an international RN arrives at your facility, you will recover your full investment in premium processing in a matter of a few weeks.

**For additional information regarding premium processing or international recruitment issues, please email Jim Burger at [jburger@healthstaff.org](mailto:jburger@healthstaff.org)**

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