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Can a J-2 dependent (Canadian citizen) change to other working visa or have to change to H-4 when J-1 gets waiver and moves to H-1. Basically any hope for a spouse on J-2 to get work authorization (TN/H-1/investor visa) before the 3 year waiver is complete?

ANSWER:

Yes, the J-2 can, UNLESS the J-1 holder is a physician serving the three years for J-1 waiver.

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