Preceding the lottery, each applicant will be assigned a 7-digit alphanumeric ID. The ID will be created by concatenating the first two (2) letters of the applicant’s Last Name with the first two (2) letters of the applicant’s First Name with the last three (3) digits of the applicant’s Department of State Case Number (DOS#) as demonstrated below:

**LA**STNAME | **FI**RSTNAME | DOS#:1234**567** | Applicant ID: **LAFI567**

On the day of the lottery, pieces of paper inscribed with the unique IDs will be placed in a transparent container. These pieces of paper will be uniform in size and shape and indistinguishable from each other and contain no externally visible identifying characteristics or marks.

A DPH staff person who does not possess prior knowledge of the applicants’ identifying information will reach into the container and extract a single piece of paper, read and show the ID to the public, and hand the selected piece of paper to another DPH staff person. This second staff person will record the ID, its selection order, and match it to the corresponding applicant on a master roster of applicants. This process will be repeated until all applicants are assigned an order with those selected earlier having priority over those selected after (i.e. First over second, second over third, and so on).

**FLEX Applicants**

Physician applicants from § 19a-2a-26(b)(2) facilities (“Flex applicants”) will have the letters FLEX at the end of their IDs to distinguish these applicants from the others. Depending on the results of the lottery, the final list of thirty (30) applicants to be recommended to the U.S. Department of State Waiver Review Division might need to be adjusted in accordance with § 19a-2a-26(h) which states:

(h) In the event that the total number of applications deemed complete by the department is more than the maximum number permitted under federal law, no more than three applications which meet the requirements of subsection (b)(2) of this section may be recommended per health care facility in each federal fiscal year even though such application may not be one of the applications selected by the randomized selection system prescribed by the commissioner under subsection (f) of this section. In the event that the total number of applications deemed complete by the department is fewer than the maximum number permitted under federal law, any applicant who meets the requirements of subsection (b)(2) of this section may apply for any remaining available J-1 VISA waivers up to the maximum number permitted under federal law for that federal fiscal year.