

***Resident  
and Fellow  
Section***

***Summary of Actions***

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**American Medical Association-Resident and Fellow Section  
Summary of Actions (I-07)**

The 2007 Interim Meeting of the American Medical Association - Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS) was held November 8-10, 2007 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. The RFS Assembly considered 10 items of business: 5 resolutions (4 resolutions and 1 late resolution) and 5 reports. Actions taken by the Assembly are outlined below in three sections: I) Resolutions, II) Reports, III) RFS Resolutions Submitted to the AMA House of Delegates at I-07.

**I. RFS RESOLUTIONS**

<i><b>RFS Resolution</b></i>	<i><b>Action</b></i>	<i><b>Policy</b></i>
<p>Resolution 1 – Removing Barriers to Care for Transgender Patients</p> <p>Introduced by Massachusetts Medical Society Resident and Fellows Section</p>	ADOPTED	<p>RESOLVED, that the AMA support public and private health insurance coverage for treatment of gender identity disorder (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the AMA oppose categorical exclusions of coverage for treatment of gender identity disorder when prescribed by a physician (Directive to Take Action).</p>
<p>Resolution 2 – Loss of Status Following Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Qualified Leave During Residency Training</p> <p>Introduced by Missouri Resident and Fellow Delegation</p>	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<p>RESOLVED, That our AMA oppose requiring residents to repeat a year of training when returning to work following a leave that qualifies under the federal Family Medical Leave Act (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA urge the American Board of Medical Specialties and its member boards to be in compliance with the Family Medical Leave Act and to retract any policies that do not comply (Directive to Take Action).</p>
<p>Resolution 3 – Monitoring of At-Home Call Implementation by Residency Programs</p> <p>Introduced by California Medical Association, Oregon Medical Association, Ohio Medical Association, Minnesota Medical Association, Nebraska Medical Association</p>	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<p>RESOLVED, That our AMA oppose the use of at-home call if being used to circumvent the intent of current ACGME duty hour restrictions; and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA work with the ACGME and other interested organizations to collect additional information on how residency programs nationwide are using at-home call rotations (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA work with the ACGME and other interested organizations to study the impact of at-home call on resident well-being, sleep patterns, and patient safety, commenting on issues such as, but not limited to, total hours worked, number of pages and phone calls received, and hours of continuous sleep (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA work with the ACGME and other interested organizations to study and develop best practices for implementing at-home call in residency and fellowship programs (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the AMA-RFS forward this resolution immediately to the HOD at I-07.</p>

<b>RFS Resolution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Resolution 4 – Telemedicine and Medical Licensure  Introduced by Florida Medical Association: Resident and Fellow Section	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	RESOLVED, That the AMA study how guidelines regulating medical licenses are affected by telemedicine and medical technological innovations that allow for physicians to practice outside their states of licensure (Directive to Take Action).
Late Resolution 1 – Reinstatement of Economic Hardship Loan Deferment	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	RESOLVED, That our AMA actively work to reinstate the economic hardship deferment qualification criterion known as the "20/220 pathway," and support alternate mechanisms that better address the financial needs of post-graduate trainees with educational debt (Directive to Take Action).

## II. RFS REPORTS

<b>Report</b>	<b>Introduced by</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Policy (if Action Report)</b>
CLRP Report – Election Procedures for RFS Sectional Delegates and Alternate Delegates	Submitted by the RFS Committee on Long Range Planning	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the RFS Internal Operating Procedures section IV. RFS Sectional Delegates, G. Election of Sectional Delegates, i. Balloting be amended as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Balloting. All nominees for the office of Sectional Delegate shall be listed <del>alphabetically</del> on a single ballot. A <del>separate piece of paper</del> ballot will be provided to each elector, listing each nominee's name and endorsing society.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. That the RFS Governing Council, pending the results of the I-07 attendee surveys, strongly consider changing the date of the election of Sectional Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the final day of the business meeting.</li> <li>3. That the RFS continue to actively investigate implementation of electronic voting systems.</li> <li>4. That the RFS conduct an educational session to clarify the relative merits of the various election procedures to the assembly at A-08.</li> <li>5. That the RFS Study voting mechanism alternatives to rank-order balloting with report back at A-08.</li> </ol>
PH Report – Resident Intimidation and Mental Health	Submitted by the RFS Public Health Committee	REFERRED	

<b>Report</b>	<b>Introduced by</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Policy (if Action Report)</b>
Late CME Report – Resident Work Hours Reform: The Next Steps	Raj Ambay, MD, DDS Chair, AMA-RFS	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That our AMA reaffirm support of the current ACGME duty hour restrictions.</li> <li>2) That our AMA encourage the voluntary reduction or elimination of extended work shifts (&gt;16 hours) for residents and fellows by academic medical centers and teaching hospitals while opposing a new ACGME mandate at this time.</li> <li>3) That our AMA continue to evaluate outcomes-based research on the impact of reductions in extended work shifts on (1) Patient Safety, (2) Resident Education, (3) Resident Safety, (4) Resident Quality of Life and (5) Professionalism in Transfer of Care.</li> <li>4) That our AMA develop specific prioritized research questions/objectives to further evaluate issues related to resident duty-hour reforms, such as best practices for signing out patients and organizing patient care teams.</li> <li>5) That our AMA-RFS continue to review on a regular basis the most current data for possible changes in its duty-hour policies, with an annual update to the assembly and membership.</li> </ol>
Report A– Organizational Report	Raj Ambay, MD, DDS Chair, AMA-RFS	FILED	N/A
Report B – Issues Update	Raj Ambay, MD, DDS Chair, AMA-RFS	FILED	N/A
Report C – AMA-RFS Sunset Mechanism: 1997 Actions to Reaffirm	Raj Ambay, MD, DDS Chair, AMA-RFS	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<a href="#">630.993R: Creation of an AMA-RFS Leadership Handbook</a> <a href="#">630.994R: Creation of Centralized Resource for Listing Residency and Fellowship Vacancies</a> <a href="#">645.991R: AMA-RFS External Resolutions</a> <a href="#">645.992R: Background Information on Resident and Fellow Section Resolutions</a> <a href="#">275.995R: Abolition of Licensure Fees for Residents</a>
Report D – AMA-RFS Sunset Mechanism: 1997 Actions to Rescind	Raj Ambay, MD, DDS Chair, AMA-RFS	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<del> <a href="#">630.993R: Creation of an AMA-RFS Leadership Handbook</a>  <a href="#">630.994R: Creation of Centralized Resource for Listing Residency and Fellowship Vacancies</a>  <a href="#">645.991R: AMA-RFS External Resolutions</a>  <a href="#">645.992R: Background Information on Resident and Fellow Section Resolutions</a>  <a href="#">275.995R: Abolition of Licensure Fees for Residents</a> </del>

### III. RFS RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE AMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES (I-07)

<b>HOD Resolution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Resolution 913 – Amending Child Restraints Laws	ADOPTED	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support federal legislation that increases law enforcement standards for child safety seat use in the United States (New HOD Policy); and be it further  RESOLVED, That our AMA support state and federal legislation that updates child car seat violation codes from a secondary to primary law. (New HOD Policy) <del>RESOLVED, That our AMA explore whether the National Board of Medical Examiners/Federation of State Medical Boards/National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners exclusive power to create licensure exams, validate them, and administer them, may represent a conflict of interest and/or a violation of antitrust laws. (Directive to Take Action)</del>
Resolution 720 – Access to Quality Health Care	REAFFIRMED	N/A
Resolution 711 – Securing Medicare GME Funding for Research and Outside Rotations During Residency	REFERRED	N/A
Resolution 930– Reinstatement of Economic Hardship Loan Deferment	ADOPTED	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association actively work to reinstate the economic hardship deferment qualification criterion known as the "20/220 pathway," and support alternate mechanisms that better address the financial needs of post-graduate trainees with educational debt. (Directive to Take Action).
Resolution 825 – Monitoring of At-Home Call Implementation by Residency Programs	REFERRED	N/A