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A-03	320	Employment of Non-Certified IMGs	Adopted with change in title: <b>Opposition To Employment of Non-Certified International Medical Graduates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association reaffirm HOD Policy H-255.985, “Graduates of Foreign Health Professional Schools” (Reaffirm HOD Policy); and</li> <li>• That our AMA, in conjunction with the California Medical Association, recommend to the California legislature and the California Hispanic Healthcare Association, other solutions to the California physician shortage including (1) maximizing their use of existing programs such as the National Health Service Corps and the J-1 visa waiver program, and (2) recruiting Spanish-speaking physicians who have recently retired by assisting them with state licensing and liability concerns (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our AMA, in conjunction with state medical societies, respond to attempts by states to employ non-certified physicians for patient care by recommending solutions to those states such as (1) maximizing their use of existing programs such as the National Health Service Corps and the J-1 visa waiver program, and (2) recruiting physicians who have recently retired by assisting them with state licensing and liability concerns. (New HOD Policy)</li> </ul>
A-03	1	Promoting Available Language Services on AMA Physician Select	Not Adopted*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association strongly encourage its members to add language proficiencies and interpreter</li> </ul>

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				<p>services available at their practices on AMA Physician Select via the AMA's Online Data Collection Center and continue to promote Physician Select as a member benefit (Directive to take action); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association promote on its Web site and its existing communication vehicles, where appropriate, that AMA Physician Select contains physician language proficiencies and interpreter services available at physician's practices. (Directive to Take action)</li> </ul>
A-03	2	IMGs and the TOEFL and USMLE Examinations	Adopted*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association study and make recommendations regarding the option of allowing applicants who have passed the USMLE Step 1 &amp; 2 examinations to re-take those examinations to improve their scores (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our American Medical Association oppose the requirement that IMGs pass the TOEFL in order to be ECFMG-certified (New HOD Policy).</li> </ul>
I-03	1	IMG Visa Assistance Initiative	Substitute Res. 1 adopted in lieu of Res. 1 & 2*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association work through the appropriate channels to assist residency program directors, as a group or individually, to establish effective contacts with the appropriate State Department and the Department of Homeland</li> </ul>

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				<p>Security offices, in order to prioritize, and expedite the necessary procedures for qualified residency applicants, in order to reduce the uncertainty associated with considering a non citizen or permanent resident IMG for a residency position; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association asks the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) to address this issue similarly.</li> </ul>
I-03	844	Visa Complications for IMGs	“ “ “ “	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association supports the streamlining of the registration process for International Medical Graduates applying for visas to enter the U.S. for postgraduate medical training and/or medical practice; and be it further</li> <li>• That our American Medical Association pursues all avenues to minimize the impact of the required FBI security clearance for International Medical Graduates; and</li> <li>• That our American Medical Association promotes regular communication between the Department of Homeland Security and AMA-IMG representatives to address and discuss existing and evolving issues related to the immigration and registration process required for International Medical Graduates.</li> </ul>

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I-03	3	Department of Veterans' Affairs Time and Attendance Policies for Part-Time Physicians	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association work with the VA to ensure that the VA eliminates the two week pay period and "tour of duty" and ensures that the part-time physicians receive full credit for meeting all of the missions of the VA, regardless of time of day when these missions are met.</li> </ul>
I-03	4	IMG Residents Reporting of Duty of Hours Violations	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA work with all the parties involved to include in resident work hours compliance evaluation the special vulnerability of IMG residents in reporting duty hour violations, because of most IMGs' dependency on the residency program for their visa.</li> <li>That AMA work with all parties to specifically address the vulnerability of IMG residents in reporting duty hour violations, because of most IMGs' dependency on the program for their visa, to facilitate accurate reporting of violations.</li> </ul>
I-03	5	Redefining IMG Section Membership	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA modify its bylaws so that all IMG members of the Association are defined as members of the IMG Section, with an option for IMG members to "opt-out" of the Section if they so choose while continuing to allow provisional membership for IMGs who are not yet AMA members.</li> </ul>
A-04	320	Parity in State Licensure	HOD Policy H-255.982 reaffirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA call upon the Federation of State Medical Boards to work to make state</li> </ul>

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			in lieu of Res. 320.	requirements for a full license for IMGs the same as those for USMGs; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our AMA support parity in                licensure between IMGs and                USMGs.</li> </ul>
A-04	315	IMG Applications to the National Residency Match	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical                Association ask the Electronic                Resident Application Services to                restructure the pricing if it                appears to be unfair for applicants                applying to numerous residency                sites and specialties. (Directive to                Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-04	317	Discrimination in Residency Selection	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical                Association adopt a policy stating                that there should not be any                discrimination in selecting                residents based on years since                graduation (New HOD Policy);                and</li> <li>• That our AMA ask the                Accreditation Council for                Graduate Medical Education to                implement a policy stating that                there should not be any                discrimination in selecting                residents based on years since                graduation. (Directive to Take                Action)</li> </ul>
I-04	1	Arbitrary Deselection of International Medical Graduates (not submitted to HOD at I-04)	*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our AMA oppose the                practice by state medical boards                of creating lists of approved or                unapproved international medical                schools; and</li> <li>• That our AMA, in consultation                with the FSMB and ECFMG,                study the option of creating</li> </ul>

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				<p>criteria for the recognition of international medical schools for the purpose of licensing IMGs who graduated from those schools; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA ask state medical boards to provide full refunds to any applicants denied a medical license because of their medical school of graduation.</li> </ul>
I-04	2	Parity in Board Certification and State Licensure	*	(Not Available)
I-04	730	National Health Information Technology	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA support the development, adoption, and implementation of national health information technology standards through collaboration with public and private interests, and consistent with current efforts to set health information technology standards for use by the Federal Government; and</li> <li>That our AMA closely coordinate with the newly formed ONCHIT all efforts necessary to expedite the implementation of an interoperable health information technology infrastructure, without financial burden to the physician; and</li> <li>That our AMA appoint a liaison to the ONCHIT who, on a semi-annual basis, provides the HOD with a progress report about ONCHIT's activities.</li> </ul>
A-05		Expeditious Security Clearance and Visa Processing of Physicians		
A-05	310	Arbitrary Deselection of International Medical	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA oppose the practice by state medical boards</li> </ul>

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		Graduates	with change in title. <b>Arbitrary Exclusion of Internatio nal Medical Schools Which Impact Physician Licensure</b>	of creating lists of approved or unapproved international medical schools; and  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our AMA, in close consultation with its IMG Section, work with the FSMB in its current efforts to study methods to evaluate international medical schools.</li> </ul>
I-05	712	J-1 Visa Waiver Application	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association lobby the relevant federal agencies to process the paperwork for J-1 Visa waivers expeditiously. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
I-05	713	J-1 Visa Waivers for Specialists	Not Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association seek legislation to allow states to determine the distribution of J-1 Visa waivers between primary care and specialists depending on their own need. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
I-05	723	J-1 Visa Waiver Process Improvement	Referred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association lobby the relevant federal government agencies to accept three years of cumulative service at all of the federally qualified underserved areas combined together be sufficient to meet J-1 Visa waiver service requirements. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>

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I-05	CCB Rep. 1	International Medical Graduates Section Election Bylaws	Adopted	<p><b>7.0 Sections</b></p> <p>* * * * *</p> <p><b>7.60 International Medical Graduates Section.</b> There shall be a Section for physician members of the American Medical Association which shall be known as the International Medical Graduates (IMG) Section.</p> <p><b>7.61 Membership.</b> All active physician members of the AMA who are international medical graduates shall be members of the International Medical Graduates Section.</p> <p><b>7.62 Governing Council.</b> There shall be a Governing Council of the International Medical Graduates Section that shall have the responsibility of directing the programs and activities of the Section, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.</p> <p><b>7.63 Officers and Members of Governing Council.</b> Members of the IMG Section <del>who also are AMA members</del> shall be eligible to serve on the Governing Council. <del>The officers and Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall be elected by</del></p>

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				<p><del>the members of the Section. If an officer or the Delegate or Alternate Delegate ceases to be a member of the IMG Section or the AMA for any reason at any time prior to the expiration of the respective term, the term shall end and the position shall be declared vacant.</del>[moved]</p> <p><b>7.631 Members.</b> There shall be seven voting members of the Governing Council, consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, one member at large, a resident/fellow physician, the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate.</p> <p><b>7.632 Duties and Responsibilities.</b> The members of the Governing Council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:</p> <p><b>7.6321 Chair.</b> The Chair shall preside at the business meetings of the Section and at meetings of the Governing Council.</p> <p><b>7.6322 Vice Chair.</b> The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair and preside in the absence of the Chair or at the request of the Chair.</p> <p><b>7.6323 Secretary.</b> The secretary shall maintain</p>

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				<p>such records as may be necessary or advisable for the conduct of the activities of the Section.</p> <p><b>7.6324 One Governing Council Member At-Large.</b> The Governing Council Member At-Large shall participate in all deliberations of the Governing Council.</p> <p><b>7.6325 Resident/Fellow Physician Member.</b> The resident/fellow physician member shall participate in all deliberations of the Governing Council.</p> <p><b>7.6326 Delegate and Alternate Delegate.</b> The Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall represent the Section in the House of Delegates and participate in the deliberations of the Governing Council.</p> <p><b>7.633 Terms.</b> Governing Council members <del>including the Delegate and Alternate Delegate</del> shall serve a term of two years.</p> <p><b>7.6331 <u>Cessation of Membership.</u></b> <u>If a Governing Council member ceases to be a member of the IMG Section or the AMA for any reason at any time prior to the expiration of the respective term, the term shall end and the</u></p>

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				<p><u>position shall be declared vacant.</u></p> <p><b>7.6332 Resident/Fellow Physician Member Cessation of Residency or Fellowship.</b> If the resident/fellow physician member ceases to be a participant in an approved training program at any time prior to the expiration of the term for which elected, the service of such resident/fellow physician member on the Governing Council shall thereupon terminate, and the position shall be declared vacant. <u>If the member shall complete an approved training program within 90 days prior to an Annual Meeting, the member shall be permitted to continue to serve on the Governing Council until the completion of the Annual Meeting.</u></p> <p><b>7.634 Tenure.</b> Governing Council members other than the Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same position on the Governing Council. The Delegate and the Alternate Delegate shall serve no more than three consecutive terms. A member elected to serve an unexpired term shall not be regarded as having served a term.</p>

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				<p><b>7.635 Vacancies.</b> Any vacancy occurring on the Governing Council including the Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall be filled at the next business meeting of the Section.</p> <p><del>7.644</del> <b>7.64 Elections.</b>  <u>Membership on the Governing Council shall be determined through election by members of the IMG Section. Designation of specific offices of the Governing Council members shall be determined through election by members of the IMG Section present at the Section's business meeting at which the election is held.</u> Three Governing Council members shall be elected at the business meeting of the Section held immediately prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association in even numbered years and four; <del>including the Delegate and Alternate Delegate</del>; in odd numbered years, with these members assuming office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which the election was held. Elections shall be completed in the following manner.</p> <p><del>7.6441</del> <b>7.641 Method of</b></p>

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				<p><del>Election</del> <b><u>Election of Governing Council Members.</u></b> All members of the IMG Section shall be entitled to vote in elections of membership of the Governing Council. Ballot distribution and the voting process shall be conducted pursuant to election procedures adopted by the Governing Council of the Section and approved by the Board of Trustees. Nominees for <del>each</del> <del>position</del> the Governing Council shall be listed alphabetically on the ballot. A nominee shall be elected if he or she has received a vote on a majority of the legal ballots cast and is one of the nominees receiving the largest number of votes within the number of members to be elected.</p> <p><b><u>7.642 Designation of Specific Offices.</u></b> All members of the IMG Section present at the Section's business meeting shall be entitled to elect the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Member-At-Large, Resident/Fellow Physician Member, Delegate and Alternate Delegate from among those Governing Council members elected by the</p>

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				<p><u>Section. Only resident/fellow physicians shall be eligible to be elected to the Resident/Fellow Physician Member office. Nominees for each office shall be listed alphabetically on the ballot. The nominee who receives a majority of the legal votes cast shall be elected.</u></p> <p><b>7.643</b> <u>Run-Off and Subsequent Ballots. The following procedures shall apply in all elections.</u></p> <p><b>7.6442-7.6431</b> <u>Run-Off Ballot.</u> A run-off election shall be held to fill any vacancy which cannot be filled because of a tie vote.</p> <p><b>7.6443</b> <u>7.6432 Subsequent Ballots. If all vacancies are not filled on the first ballot, the <del>The</del> nominees on subsequent ballots shall be determined by retaining those who received the greater number of votes on the preceding ballot and eliminating the nominee who received the fewest number of votes on the preceding ballot for each office position, except where there is a tie.</u></p>

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				<p><b>7.644 Evaluation.</b> <u>The election process set forth in this Bylaw 7.64 shall be evaluated at the Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates in the year 2008.</u></p> <p><b>7.64 7.65 Business Meeting.</b>          There shall be a business meeting of members of the Section held on a day prior to each Annual and Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates at a time and place designated by the Executive Vice President of the AMA.</p> <p><b>7.641 7.651 Purposes of the Business Meeting.</b> The purposes of the business meeting shall be: (i) to hear such reports as may be appropriate; (ii) to consider and vote upon such matters as may properly come before the meeting; (iii) to adopt resolutions for submission by the Section to the House of Delegates of the AMA; (iv) <del>to elect,</del> at the business meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates, <u>to designate the offices of the members of the Governing Council;</u> and (v) to conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.</p>

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				<p><del>7.642</del> <b>7.652</b> <u>Participants at the Business Meeting.</u> Any member of the Section may participate in the Section's business meeting.</p> <p><del>7.643</del> <b>7.653</b> <u>Rules of Order.</u> All Section members <del>who are AMA members</del> shall have the right to vote at the business meeting of the Section, and the meeting shall be open to any member of the Section or the AMA. The meeting shall be conducted pursuant to rules of procedure adopted by the Governing Council of the Section and approved by the AMA Board of Trustees.</p>
A-06	BOT Rep. 11	J-1 Visa Service Requirement	Adopted in lieu of Res. 723	<p>The Board of Trustees recommends that the following recommendation be adopted in lieu of Resolution 723 (I-05) and the remainder of this report be filed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association lobby the U.S. Department of State to change the current J-1 Visa waiver policy to allow for exceptions on a “case-by-case” basis where the continuous service requirement can be waived, such as in cases of documented abusive and intolerable employment conditions. (Directive to Take</li> </ul>

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				Action)
A-06	232	Practice of Not Granting Appropriate Visas to IMGs	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association request that the State Department expedite granting of otherwise appropriate visas to International Medical Graduates who pass United States Medical Licensing Exams. (Directive To Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-06	233	Conrad 30 – J-1 Visa Waivers	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association lobby for the reauthorization of the Conrad 30 J-1 Visa waiver program (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>That our AMA advocate that the J-1 Visa waiver slots be increased from 30 to 50 per state. (New HOD Policy)</li> </ul>
A-06	234	Expedite the Immigrant Visa Process for Physicians	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association lobby Congress and the federal government to exempt physicians with H-1B Visas who fulfilled their J-1 Visa waiver requirements from any immigration caps. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-06	CME Rep. 8	Spoken English Proficiency Component of the USMLE	Rec. in CME Rep. 8 adopted in lieu of Res. 313, remainder of report filed	<p>The Council on Medical Education recommends that the following recommendation be adopted in lieu of Resolution 313 (A-05) and that the remainder of this report be filed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association take no action to request the elimination of the Spoken English Proficiency score from the USMLE Step 2 CS.</li> </ul>

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A-06	616	Promoting IMG Physicians into Leadership Positions	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA provide the House of Delegates with a status report in five years on the leadership development progress of International Medical Graduates. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-06	727	Limited Time Certification	Policy H-230.997 reaffirmed in lieu of Res. 727 as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association oppose denial of hospital privileges and participation in health plans to physicians based solely on the expiration of certification. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-06	707 724 728	Tax Credit for Implementing Electronic Medical Records Oppose Mandatory Electronic Medical Records Electronic Records Management (IMG Section)	Sub. Res. 707 adopted as amended in lieu of Res. 724 and 728, change in title: <b>Implementing Electronic Medical Records</b>	<p><b>Sub. Res. 707</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA continue to advocate for and support initiatives that minimize the financial burden to physician practices of adopting and maintaining electronic medical records (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>That our AMA continue its active involvement in efforts to define and promote standards that will facilitate the interoperability of health information technology systems (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>That it be the policy of our AMA that public and private insurers should not require the use of electronic medical records until uniform standards for interoperability are established and adequate financial resources are made available to assist physician practices in obtaining</li> </ul>

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				and maintaining new technologies.
I-06	1	License Reciprocity	Submitted at A-07	<b>See A-07</b>
I-06	2	Health Impacts of High Fructose Corn Syrup	Submitted at A-07	<b>See A-07</b>
I-06	4	Observerships for IMGs	Submitted at A-07	<b>See A-07</b>
A-07	5	License Reciprocity (Submitted by Reza Ghohestani, MD)	IMG Congress voted not to send to HOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association support national legislation which would mandate licensing reciprocity by all state licensing authorities (New HOD Policy); and</li> <li>• That our AMA propose a "medical license reciprocity system" to establish formal agreements among state medical boards and report back the progress to the House of Delegates in one year (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our AMA urge the state legislatures and the Federation of State Medical Boards to require that state medical boards implement a "medical license reciprocity system." (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-07	3	Denial of Medical Licensure to Qualified IMGs (Praveen Korivi, MD)	IMG Congress voted not to send to HOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association will oppose any state medical board's decision to deny a medical license to an international medical graduate based on his or her medical school or other arbitrary reasons; and (Reaffirm Policy)</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association work collaboratively with the Federation of State Medical Boards to encourage state medical boards to reevaluate denials of licensure based upon graduating from an international medical school; (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</li> <li>• That our American Medical Association and its IMG Section collect data from physicians who have been denied a state medical license due to international medical school discrimination; and (Directive to Take Action)</li> <li>• That our American Medical Association strongly encourage all state medical boards to include international medical graduates and other minorities on its board to ensure all perspectives and opinions are reflected in their decisions and that it mirrors the current physician workforce; and (Directive to Take Action)</li> <li>• That our American Medical Association assist state medical associations in seeking legislative remedies to address the denial of licensure based on discriminatory and arbitrary items such as graduating from an international medical school. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-07	204	Residency Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2007 (Florida)	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association vigorously support in its national legislative activities the passage of S.588 and</li> </ul>

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				H.R.1093, “The Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2007,” by the US Congress, which will increase physician residency positions throughout many states while not undermining existing physician residency positions in any of the states. (Directive to Take Action)
A-07	308	Observerships for IMGs	Referred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association, in cooperation with its International Medical Graduate (IMG) Section, pursue the development of a model observership program, which can serve as a blueprint for observership activities throughout the US (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our AMA, in cooperation with its IMG Section, develop a campaign to educate physicians, residency program directors and hospital administrators about how to integrate and utilize an observership program within their systems. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-07	313	Evaluating the Effects of Physician Workforce Increases (American Academy of Pediatrics)	Not Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association conduct an independent study of the potential short- and long-term effects of a 30% increase in medical school enrollment in the United States on the graduate medical education system, specialty selection, and workforce planning, including the diversity and geographic distribution of physicians. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>

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A-07	316	English Skills Testing and USMLE Continuum (Michigan)	Not Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association seek a change in the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) that would allow a candidate who fails the English Proficiency test portion to take an alternative spoken English proficiency test approved by the National Board of Medical Examiners and not be required to retake the entire USMLE. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-07	319	International Medical Graduates and Medical Professionalism (Massachusetts)	Not Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association commission an analysis of the “Institute on Medicine as a Profession” Survey of Medical Professionalism regarding international medical graduates and medical professionalism. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-07	407	Health Impacts of High Fructose Corn Syrup	Referred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association urge the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to require the food industry to use non-fructose sweeteners and limit the use of high fructose syrups in their products (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>That our AMA urge the FDA and the USDA to require the food industry to clearly label products containing high fructose syrups with an indication that "this product contains high fructose syrup; excessive intake of high fructose syrup may lead to obesity." (Directive to Take</li> </ul>

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A-07	613	Israeli Medical Association	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association, in solidarity with our colleagues in Israel, oppose any efforts to expel the Israeli Medical Association from the World Medical Association. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-07	614	IMG Representation in the AMA House of Delegates	Referred with report back at A-08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association shall implement an equitable and proportionate representation of the AMA-IMG Section membership in its House of Delegates by adding one IMG Delegate per 5,000 AMA-IMG Section members. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-07	730	Safeguard NPI and Physician Privacy (IMG Section member)	Referred for decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to mandate the use of only the last 4 digits of the NPI (as is common in the banking industry) for the protection of physician privacy, on publicly accessible websites, in published lists, and electronically communicated documents and faxes. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
I-07	3	Unfair Licensing Requirements for Qualified IMGs	Gov. Council withdrew Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA work aggressively to pursue legislative remedies to make unfair medical licensing requirements by states obsolete; (Directive to Take Action) and</li> <li>That our AMA work with the Federation of State Medical Boards to enact new rules and regulations such that an international candidate who is board certified is not judged by the location of their medical</li> </ul>

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				school but rather by the training they received in the United States. (Directive to take Action)
I-07	824	Time Limited License Reciprocity in Times of Disaster	Referred for study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association support time limited interstate license reciprocity in times of disaster so that volunteer physicians can be quickly mobilized to disaster areas where state or federal emergency management agencies determine a need (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our American Medical Association lobby members of Congress for policies related to time limited interstate license reciprocity to aid disaster victims during times of disaster where state or federal emergency management agencies determine a need. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
I-07	929	Liability Relief for Physicians Who Volunteer at Free Clinics	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association develop state model legislation based on current liability relief laws that exist in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin for volunteer physicians who serve at free clinics, provide pro bono care and who volunteer in times of disaster (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our AMA urge states to adopt legislation based on current liability relief laws that exist in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin for volunteer physicians who serve at free clinics, provide pro bono care and who volunteer in times of disaster. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>

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I-07	CME 1	Report on the Fifth Pathway	Filed as information al report	<b>Not applicable</b>
A-08	325	Licensing for Qualified Physicians on Case by Case Basis	HOD Policy H-255.982, Equality in Licensure and Reciprocity reaffirmed in lieu of Res. 325.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association lobby all state medical boards to assure that licensing decisions on applications of physicians already licensed in another state are based on the physician’s medical qualifications and not on the location of the physician’s medical school. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-08	326	IMGs on State Medical Licensing Boards	Not Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association encourage all state medical boards and Governors to appoint more IMGs and other minorities to serve on its licensing boards (New HOD Policy); and</li> <li>• That our AMA and its IMG Section draft a letter to all state medical licensing boards and Governors recommending proportional representation of IMGs and other minorities on their state medical licensing boards. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-08	327	Eliminating Disparities in Licensure for IMG Physicians	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association vigorously advocate and assist the State Medical Associations to seek legislative action eliminating any disparity in the years of graduate medical education training required for full and unrestricted licensure between IMG and LCME graduates. (Directive to Take Action) and</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA give a status report on existing licensure disparities to the House of Delegates every three years until this disparity is eliminated by all states. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-08	628	IMG Representation in House of Delegates	CLRPD Report 2 adopted in lieu of Res. 628, remainder of CLRPD Report 2 filed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association increase the number of delegates for the IMG Section by three additional delegates, for a total of 4 delegates. (Modify Bylaws); and</li> <li>That our American Medical Association provide adequate funding to support all IMG Section Governing Council members attending the House of Delegates meetings, unless they are otherwise funded. (Directive to Take Action).</li> </ul>
I-08	906	Improving the Health of Minority Populations	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association lobby Congress to re-evaluate and expand the federal race and ethnicity categories to include additional ethnic subgroups in order to analyze and uncover racial and ethnic health and healthcare disparities. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
I-08	Board of Trustees Report 4	Legal Issues Surrounding the Deployment and Utilization of Licensed Physicians in Response to Declared Disasters (Resolutions 824, I-07, and 206, A-08)	Adopted and remainder of report filed.	Resolution 824 (I-07), "Time Limited License Reciprocity in Times of Disaster," introduced by the International Medical Graduates Section and referred to the Board of Trustees, asked that our American Medical Association (AMA):

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support time limited interstate license reciprocity in times of disaster so that volunteer physicians can be quickly mobilized to disaster areas where state or federal emergency management agencies determine a need; and (2) lobby members of Congress for policies related to time limited interstate license reciprocity to aid disaster victims during times of disaster where state or federal emergency management agencies determine a need.</li> </ul> <p>The Board of Trustees recommended that the following statements be adopted in lieu of Resolution 824 (I-07) and Resolution 206 (A-08) and the remainder of this report be filed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association (AMA) encourage physicians who are interested in volunteering during a disaster to register with their state’s Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals program, local Medical Reserve Corps unit, or similar registration systems capable of verifying that practitioners are licensed and in good standing at the time of deployment. (Directive to Take Action)</li> <li>• That our AMA: (a) support the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health</li> </ul>

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				<p>Practitioners Act (UEVHPA) with the liability language of Alternative A; and (b) continue to advocate for civil liability protections for qualified physicians that provide care in a disaster who are not covered under the UEVHPA, but are covered in AMA model legislation titled “To Protect Physicians from Civil Liability Arising from Health Care Provided During a Disaster.” (Directive to Take Action)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Policy H-130.943, which states that “our AMA, through the Center on Public Health Preparedness and Disaster Response, will continue to: (1) monitor the development of volunteer registration systems, such as Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP), as well as volunteer organizations, such as the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and report back as appropriate; and (2) support the development of laws and policies such as license reciprocity and civil liability protections that encourage physicians to volunteer services during disasters” be reaffirmed. (Reaffirm HOD Policy)</li> </ul>

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A-09	317	Ensuring Diversity in the USMLE Oversight Exam Committee (IMG Section)	Substitute 306 Adopted	<p>Resolution 317 was considered along with Resolution 306, Ensuring Diversity in United States Medical Licensing Examination Exams which was submitted by Michigan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association pursue diversity on the United States Medical Licensing Examination Step 2 Oversight Exam Committee in order to include input from the international medical graduates perspective. (Directive to Take Action.)</li> </ul> <p>Resolution 306 - Ensuring Diversity in United States Medical Licensing Examination Exams asked that our American Medical Association pursue diversity on the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 2 Exam Oversight Committee that reflects the diversity of the test takers.</p> <p><b>Substitute Resolution 306 –</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, that our American Medical</p>

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				<p>Association pursue diversity on the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) test/oversight committees in order to include the perspectives from others, including international medical graduates, to better reflect the diversity of the test takers. (Directive to Take Action)</p>
A-09	319	Denial of Medical Licensure to Qualified IMGs	Referred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association oppose any state medical board's decision to deny a medical license to an international medical graduate based on his or her medical school (Reaffirm HOD Policy H-275.985);</li> <li>• That our AMA, in collaboration with the Federation of State Medical Boards, encourage state medical boards to have their own standards of licensure by not accepting another state's decision to deny licensure (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our AMA assist state medical associations in seeking legislative remedies to address the denial of licensure based on arbitrary items such as graduating from an international medical school. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-09	320	Health Care Cost Education (IMG Section)	Adopted as amended with change in title	<p><b>Health Care Economics Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical</li> </ul>

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				<p>Association, along with the Association of American Medical Colleges, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and other entities, work to encourage education in health care <del>costs</del> <u>economics</u> during the continuum of a physicians professional life, in undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education. (Directive to Take Action)</p>
A-09	321	Increasing Graduate Medical Education Positions	Substitute Resolution 314 adopted with a change in title	<p>Resolution 321 was considered with the following resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution 314 - Inclusion of Workforce Component to Any Federal Health Care Reform Policy (Oregon)</li> <li>• Resolution 325 - Support for Graduate Medical Education (Section on Medical Schools)</li> </ul> <p>Resolution 321 asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association work with the Centers for Medicare and</li> <li>• Medicaid Services to explore ways to increase graduate medical education slots to accommodate the need for more physicians in the U.S. (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our AMA lobby Congress to find ways to increase graduate medical education funding to accommodate the projected need for more physicians. (Directive to</li> </ul>

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				<p>Take Action)</p> <p><b>Substitute Resolution 314:</b></p> <p>Increasing Graduate Medical Education Positions As A Component To Any Federal Health Care Reform Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association ensure that actions to bolster the physician workforce must be part of any comprehensive federal health care reform (Directive to Take Action);</li> <li>• That our American Medical Association work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to explore ways to increase graduate medical education slots to accommodate the need for more physicians in the U.S. (Directive to Take Action);</li> <li>• That American Medical Association policies H-305.929 and D-305.967 be reaffirmed (Reaffirm HOD Policy);</li> <li>• That our AMA work actively and in collaboration with the Association of American Medical Colleges and other interested stakeholders to rescind funding caps for GME imposed by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Directive to Take Action);</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our AMA actively advocate for expanded funding for entry and continued training positions in specialties and geographic regions with documented medical workforce shortages (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our AMA lobby Congress to find ways to increase graduate medical education funding to accommodate the projected need for more physicians. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-09	525	Research Visa Waiver for Physician Scientists (IMG Section)	Placed on reaffirmation calendar to reaffirm policies: H-460-995, H-460-994, D-255-991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association urge Congress to create a new visa waiver program exclusively for research for IMG physicians who choose to pursue a research career in medicine, which will help improve the shortage of physician scientists in the U.S. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-09	618	Increased Representation of Women, Young Physicians, Minority and IMG Members in the House of Delegates	Council on Long Range Planning and Development Report 2 adopted in lieu of Resolution 618 and remainder of report filed	<p>Resolution 618 asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association study ways to increase representation of women, young physicians, underrepresented minorities and international medical graduate physicians in the AMA House of Delegates and report back with recommendations at the 2010 Annual Meeting. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul> <p>CLRPD Report 2 recommended</p>

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				that AMA develop criteria in the consideration of requests pertaining to the establishment and functions of component groups of our AMA; and that a report on such criteria be prepared no later than A-11.
A-09	409	Guiding Principles for Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Care Disparities	Adopted	<p>The IMG Section cosponsored this resolution along with the Minority Affairs Consortium and National Medical Association. Resolution 409 asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association adopt the Guiding Principles document of the Commission to End Health Care Disparities as AMA policy (New HOD Policy);</li> <li>• That our AMA, in collaboration with the National Medical Association and the National Hispanic Medical Association, distribute these guiding principles to all members of the federation and encourage them to adopt and use these principles when addressing policies focused on racial and ethnic health care disparities (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our AMA shall work with the Commission to End Health Care Disparities to develop a national repository of state and specialty society policies, programs and other actions focused on studying, reducing and eliminating racial and ethnic health care disparities. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>

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I-09	915	Lawful Permanent Resident Status for IMGs	WITH-DRAWN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association lobby the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to approve medical residencies as permanent positions and consider international medical graduates who have completed accredited residency programs in the U. S. to be eligible for permanent residency status; and be it further</li> <li>• That our AMA lobby Congress to enact legislation to consider eligible international medical graduates who have completed accredited medical residency training in the U. S. for legal permanent resident status.</li> </ul>
I-09	916	Retraining Refugee Physicians (submitted by Medical & Chirurgical International Medical Graduates Section (Maryland), Padmini Ranasinghe, MD, MPH Victor Raul Felipa, MD)	Referred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association lobby the U.S. Department of Health &amp; Human Services for the establishment of a Federal program to facilitate the acculturation, training, certification, licensure and employment of refugee physicians, especially in specialties experiencing shortages and in underserved geographical areas. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-10	BOT Report 20	Retraining Refugee Physicians	Adopted/Filed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our AMA to lobby the Department of Health and Human Services for the establishment of a federal program to facilitate acculturation and training and licensing of refugee physicians.</li> </ul>
A-10	128	Healthcare Reform Bundled Payment Plans (submitted by	Substitute Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association expeditiously lead</li> </ul>

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		Gamini Soori, MD)	adopted with change in title in lieu of Resolutions 128, 129 and 130	<p>the efforts in the creation, deployment, and evaluation of such Bundled Payment Plans with involvement of the physician community at national, regional and local levels (Directive to Take Action); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our AMA provide a preliminary report on this initiative at I-10 and a final update at A-11. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-10	129	Healthcare Reform and Gain-Sharing Plans for Physician Services (submitted by Gamini Soori, MD)	Substitute Resolution adopted with change in title in lieu of Resolutions 128, 129 and 130	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association expeditiously lead the efforts in the creation, deployment, and evaluation of such Gain-Sharing Plans with involvement of the physician community at national, regional and local levels (Directive to Take Action); and</li> <li>• That our AMA provide a preliminary report on this initiative at I-10 and a final update at A-11. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>
A-10	303	Graduate Medical Education Studies	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association continuously study challenges and issues pertinent to international medical graduates as <del># they</del> affects our country's health care system <u>and our physician workforce</u> (Directive to Take Action)</li> <li>• That our AMA lobby members of the US Congress to fund studies through <u>organizations, appropriate</u></li> </ul>

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				<p>agencies, such as the Department of Health and Human Services, <del>National Institutes of Health</del>, to examine issues and experiences of international medical graduates and make recommendations for improvements. (Directive to Take Action)</p>
A-10	304	Abuse of the Conrad Program for Physicians (submitted by Raouf Seifeldin, MD)	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association support a model employment contract specific to J-1 Visa Waiver physicians; (Directive to Take Action) and be it further</li> <li>• <del>RESOLVED, That our AMA seek legislation to establish a model employment contract specific to J-1 Visa Waiver physicians. (Directive to Take action)</del></li> </ul>
A-10	305	Licensure Parity for Physicians	Placed on Reaffirmation calendar to reaffirm policies H-255.982 - Equality in Licensure and Reciprocity and D-275.966 – Eliminating Disparities in Licensure for IMG Physicians.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association collaborate with the Federation of State Medical Boards to develop guidelines for uniform licensure requirements and applications for USMGs and IMG physicians. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ul>

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A-10	306	Medical Education Credentials for IMGs	Referred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our AMA encourage state medical licensing boards to accept ECFMG certification as primary source verification of medical education credentials; (Directive to Take Action) and</li> <li>• That our AMA recognizes that the ECFMG certification is the primary source of medical education credentials for IMGs. (New HOD Policy)</li> </ul>
A-10	307	Create Local Observership Programs (submitted by Gamini Soori, MD)	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our American Medical Association encourage physician preceptors, <u>medical associations, and hospitals and medical organizations</u> to establish local observership programs <del>in their communities</del> by utilizing the IMG Observership Guidelines and Evaluation Tools. (Directive to Take Action).</li> </ul>
I-10	206	Globalization of IMGs (submitted by Nyapati Rao, MD)	AMA HOD Policies Reaffirmed -- D-160.988, D-200.985, D-255.991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the AMA lobby Congress and the appropriate federal agencies to study the effects of global migration patterns of international medical graduates and its impact on the U.S. physician workforce.</li> </ul>
I-10	229	Haitian Relief Funding (Coauthored with IMG Section)	Referred for decision	That our American Medical Association lobby Congress to release the appropriated funds for Haitian disaster relief immediately to prevent further loss of life and morbidity and that our AMA encourage other relief agencies to release funding raised for Haitian relief efforts that are directed

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				towards the critical medical, sanitation and housing needs.
I-10	805	Classification for the Intellectually Disabled As a Medically Underserved Population (submitted by Vijaya Appareddy, MD)	Referred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the AMA lobby Congress to work with the appropriate federal agencies, such as Health and Human Services, to classify intellectually disabled persons as a medically underserved population.</li> </ul>
I-10	903	J-1 Visa Waivers for IMG Faculty Appointees to U. S. Medical Schools (submitted by Ved Gossain, MD)	Referred	That the AMA seek federal legislation to create a pathway for J-1 Visa waiver status for an International Medical Graduate who is appointed as a U.S. medical school faculty member and agrees to serve in that capacity for a minimum of three years of full-time employment.
I-10	904	Impact of Sickle Cell Disease As a Chronic Illness (Minority Affairs Consortium)	Referred with report back at A-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our AMA: (1) work with organizations already lobbying the Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services to characterize Sickle Cell Disease as a chronic illness wherever applicable; and (2) lobby applicable federal agencies (e.g., CDC, NIH, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc.) to increase awareness among physicians and healthcare employees.</li> </ul>
A-11	302	Study Role of IMGs in U. S. Healthcare (submitted by S. Jayasankar, MD)	AMA HOD Policy, H-255.987 reaffirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association undertake a comprehensive review of IMGs in U.S. history; difficulties faced; assimilation issues; quality of care rendered, teaching and research; and overall contributions to our nation's</li> </ul>

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A-11	302 (cont'd)	Study Role of IMGs in U. S. Healthcare		<p>healthcare;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our AMA publish a report of this comprehensive review of IMGs in U. S. history; difficulties faced; assimilation issues; quality of care rendered, teaching and research; and overall contributions to our nation's healthcare; and</li> <li>• That our AMA disseminate this report to medical educators, training programs, members of the Congress and healthcare policy makers, the Federation of State Medical Boards and state medical licensing boards.</li> </ul>
A-11	303	Unused Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waivers (submitted by Vijaya Appareddy, MD)	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our AMA advocate for redistribution of the unused Conrad 30 J-1 Visa waiver slots for those states that could use more than 30 slots to serve in their health professional shortage areas, medically underserved areas and populations.</li> </ul>
A-11	304	Representation on Residency Review Committees (submitted by Nyapati Rao, MD)	Adopted as amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That our AMA 1) Advocate for diversity of appointees to residency review committees; and 2) Work with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to support better representation of qualified IMG educators and</li> </ul>

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				residency program directors on Residency Review Committees.
I-11	903	Extension of Conrad 30- J-1 Visa Waiver (submitted by Vijaya Appareddy, MD)	Reaffirmed AMA HOD Policies D-2343.985 and D-200.980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the American Medical Association lobby the U.S. Congress to extend the J-1 Visa waivers beyond September 30, 2012, and (2) that the AMA actively lobby the U.S. Congress to make the Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver program permanent.</li> </ul>
I-11	904	National Database for J-1 Visa Waiver (submitted by Padmini Ranasinghe, MD)	Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the American Medical Association work with state medical societies to study and report back on the feasibility of having a national data repository of J-1 Visa Waiver statistics so that these J-1 Visa Waiver unoffered positions can be transferred to states as needed to treat underserved communities and to monitor the success of this program.</li> </ul>
I-11	905	Discrimination of IMG Applicants in ACGME Residency Selection (submitted by Venkat Rao, MD)	Reaffirmed AMA HOD Policies H-255.992, D-255.982, and H - 255.988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That our American Medical Association advocate that the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education add to their institutional requirements that residency programs not discriminate against international medical graduates.</li> </ul>
I-11	906	Improvements in Sourcing of Drinking Water (submitted by Marie Claude-Rigaud, MD)	AMA HOD Policy H-135.947	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the American Medical Association lobby the World Health Organization, World Medical Association and the</li> </ul>

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			<p>adopted as amended in lieu of Resolution 906.</p> <p>H-135.947-Guidance for Worldwide conservation of Potable Water</p> <p>Our AMA favors scientific and cultural development of a plan for worldwide potable water conservation, <u>especially in countries affected by natural disasters or other events that disrupt the potable water supply.</u></p> <p>(Res. 406, A-04)</p>	<p>United Nations to support the Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad's recommendations to significantly improve the sources of drinking water in Haiti.</p>

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