Whereas Residents of rural areas are generally older and sicker than their urban counterparts; and

Whereas Rural areas are facing a crisis due to physician shortages; and

Whereas Residents and fellows are more likely to practice where they train; and

Whereas, Many residency programs offer elective rotations where residents can pursue areas of interest not offered in their main residency curriculum; and

Whereas, The documentation requirements for faculty supervising residents can be substantial; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association work with state and specialty societies, medical schools, teaching hospitals, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other interested stakeholders to encourage and incentivize qualified rural physicians to serve as preceptors, volunteer faculty, etc. for rural rotations in residency (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA work with the ACGME, the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Federation of State Medical Boards, CMS and other interested stakeholders to lessen or remove regulations or requirements on residency training and physician practice that preclude formal educational experiences and rotations for residents in rural areas (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA work with interested stakeholders to identify strategies to increase residency training opportunities in rural areas with a report back to the House of Delegates (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA work with state and specialty societies and other interested stakeholders to identify appropriately qualified rural physicians who would be willing to serve as preceptors for rural rotations in residency (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA work with the ACGME and other interested stakeholders to lessen the documentation requirements for off-site rural rotations during residency so that affiliated rural supervising faculty can focus on educating rotating residents (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
1 RESOLVED, That our AMA work with interested stakeholders to study other ways to increase
2 training in rural areas (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
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4 RESOLVED, That our AMA formulate an actionable plan of advocacy based on the results of
5 the above study with the goal of increasing residency training in rural areas. (Directive to Take
6 Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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