Whereas, IMGs in the past were permitted to work in academic institutions in some states, either for their specific skills or for a need due to scarce interest of American physicians in certain specialties or geographical areas; and

Whereas, These physicians were allowed to work with an institutional or faculty temporary license granted by their local State Medical Board without having completed the USMLE examination, having ECFMG certification and without being American Board certified or eligible in their specialty; and

Whereas, These physicians completed medical school and specialty training abroad were often excellent candidates with strong curricula and their titles were recognized equivalent to the ones received in the U.S. by the receiving academic institution to allow them to work; and

Whereas, In recent years, these physicians faced the problem that many academic and non-academic institutions created rules to have only American Board Certified physicians among their faculty/staff and were unwilling to grant institutional licenses any longer; and

Whereas, This issue creates a dramatic situation for these physicians who have practiced in the U.S. for many years, bringing unique skills and much needed service for the American people and medical system; and

Whereas, In these academic institutions, these physicians have actively trained many medical students and specialists and have started new programs to allow young American physicians to become eligible to work without restrictions while their IMG professors are not; and

Whereas, These IMGs were admitted to work in the U.S. to fill a void and a need which may affect them due to more restrictive changes which are not considering such unique situations. These physicians are faced with losing their jobs without the ability to practice anywhere in the U.S.; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association work with the Organized and Medical Staff Section and other stakeholders to prevent hospitals from restricting the practice of medicine only to American Board certified physicians (Directive to Take Action); and be it

RESOLVED, That the AMA work with the Federation of State Medical Boards and other stakeholders to develop a process to grant unrestricted licensure for those who have practiced at least 10 years in U.S. academic institutions under institutional or faculty temporary licensure. (Directive to Take Action)

RELEVANT AMA POLICY
None.