WHEREAS, US-IMGs are U.S. citizens enrolled in medical schools outside the country, who serve and practice medicine in the U.S. after completion of their medical training; and

WHEREAS, The match rate of US-IMGs is 59% and is growing every year as per the latest National Resident Matching Program report; and

WHEREAS, The AMA House of Delegates represent the interests of physicians at every level, be it state, specialty, sexual orientation, gender, medical student, resident, young physician, international medical graduates and senior physicians; and

WHEREAS, The AMA-Medical Student Section (MSS) strives to be the medical students' leading voice for improving medical education and advocating for the future of medicine;¹ and

WHEREAS, US-IMG medical students are U.S. citizens attending medical school outside the U.S. and account for 26% of all IMGs in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, AMA members save up to 30% on USMLE test prep and have full-access to the JAMA Network to prepare the medical students for their specialty¹. The AMA membership will give them a platform for their voice to be heard and concerns to be addressed to be a better U.S. physician of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, After obtaining accreditation, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) of the U.S. Department of Education evaluates the local organization’s accreditation standards and determines whether or not they are comparable to that of the LCME in the United States;² and

WHEREAS, A first-year medical student enrolled in an LCME- or AOA-accredited program, can enroll through an AMA medical student membership liaison. A medical student of a Caribbean medical school accredited by the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) or the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM) which is equivalent to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME),² cannot enroll in AMA; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association study the feasibility and find a mechanism to accept the membership of US citizens who are enrolled in medical schools outside the United States at the medical student level, to better integrate them in AMA as an organization and healthcare of the country in general (Directive to Take Action).
References

1. About the Medical Student Section (MSS) https://www.ama-assn.org/member-groups-sections/medical-students/about-medical-student-section-mss

RELEVANTAMA POLICY

None.

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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