

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 018  
(A-22)

Introduced by: International Medical Graduate Section

Subject: Hardship for International Medical Graduates from Russia and Belarus

Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

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1 Whereas, Russia, with the support of Belarus, invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022, causing  
2 the international community to respond with sanctions and having most international businesses  
3 to leave both countries due to oppressors; and

5 Whereas, Currently there is nearly absent communication (mail, internet, ability to make  
6 payments) with organizations located in Belarus and Russia due to either sanctions or services  
7 no longer available; and

9 Whereas, There are international medical graduates (IMGs) in the U.S. who completed their  
10 medical school in Russia or Belarus, and who may require primary source verification for  
11 licensure or other certifications/credentialing; and

13 Whereas, There is a concern that the IMGs from Russia and Belarus, who either are in  
14 residency/fellowship training or already practicing, may not be able to obtain primary source  
15 verification until the means of communication and relationships are restored; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association study the impact of the current political  
18 crisis on international medical graduates with medical degrees from Russia and Belarus who  
19 are already in the U.S. either in training or practicing in regards to their ability to obtain primary  
20 source verification and report back during the 2022 Interim House of Delegates meeting.  
21 (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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