

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 019  
(A-22)

Introduced by: International Medical Graduate Section  
Subject: Hardship for International Medical Graduates from Ukraine  
Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

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1 Whereas, Ukraine is in the midst of a major humanitarian and medical crisis since the Russian  
2 invasion on February, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022; and  
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4 Whereas, Numerous civilians including children have been killed and millions of Ukrainians  
5 have been displaced from their home seeking safety; and  
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7 Whereas, Physicians who went to medical school in Ukraine have no possible means of  
8 obtaining primary source verification of medical education; and  
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10 Whereas, Many states require additional verification for IMGs from medical schools, despite the  
11 Federation Credentials Verification Services profile, to issue them state medical license; and  
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13 Whereas, Nationwide physicians crisis during the pandemic highlighted the need for multiple  
14 state licenses for physicians to serve the underserved areas; therefore be it  
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16 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate with relevant stakeholders that  
17 advise state medical boards to grant hardship waiver for primary source verification of medical  
18 education for all licensing requirements for physicians who graduated from medical schools in  
19 Ukraine until the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine is resolved. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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