

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 218
(A-22)

Introduced by: American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin

Subject: Expedited Immigrant Green Card Visa for J-1 Visa Waiver Physicians Serving in Underserved Areas

Referred to: Reference Committee B

1 Whereas, J-1 visa IMG resident physicians sign in for serving in underserved areas for three
2 years to become eligible to stay in US as permanent residents instead of mandatory return to
3 native countries as required per J-1 visa regulation; and
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5 Whereas, Their service is extremely helpful in improving the health of US citizens especially in
6 low income and rural communities; and
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8 Whereas, Substantial care to COVID patients was provided by these J-1 visa waiver physicians
9 and they saved lives; and
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11 Whereas, The waiting period for getting the Green Card Visa for physicians of certain countries
12 is longer than 10 years at present due to per country limit of 7% of H1b to immigrant (Green
13 Card) availability, and the J-1 visa waiver physicians have to join the end of the very long queue
14 of 1.2 million applicants for certain countries, and their children are becoming status less at
15 age 21; and
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17 Whereas, These J-1 visa waiver physicians provide a great national service to US citizens, and
18 deserve priority in visa allotment; therefore be it
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20 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association lobby US Congress and the US
21 Administration that the J-1 visa waiver physicians serving in underserved areas be given highest
22 priority in visa conversion to green cards upon completion of their service commitment
23 obligation and be exempted from per country limitation of H-1 to green card visa conversion.
24 (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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