

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 224
(A-22)

Introduced by: AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine

Subject: HPSA and MUA Designation for SNFs

Referred to: Reference Committee B

1 Whereas, Health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) and medically underserved areas
2 (MUAs) are areas, population groups, and facilities designated by the United States
3 Department of Health and Human Services as having met criteria indicating a significant
4 need for additional primary health care resources, such that limited resources can be
5 prioritized and directed to those areas to assist in addressing that need; and
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7 Whereas, An area, population group, or facility designated as a HPSA or MUA has specific
8 programs made available to it targeted at enhancing primary care infrastructure through
9 recruitment and retention of health care providers and support for primary health care
10 facilities. Federal and State programs utilizing shortage designations as criteria for eligibility
11 include: National Health Service Corps, State Loan Repayment Program, NURSE Corps,
12 Federally Qualified Health Center and Health Center Look-Alike Certification, Medicare
13 Incentive Payment Program, CMS Rural Health Clinics Program, J-1 Visa Waiver and the
14 National Interest Waiver Programs, as well as scoring preferences for various Title VII and
15 VIII grants; and
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17 Whereas, Due to a rapidly aging population, lack of commensurate increase in medical
18 school and residency positions, early retirement of healthcare professionals from burnout
19 and effects of the pandemic, and a lack of direct incentives to practice in senior living
20 communities, there is an acute shortage of healthcare professionals including Physicians,
21 nurses, and clinical practitioners in skilled nursing facilities. [https://www.aamc.org/news-
22 insights/us-physician-shortage-growing](https://www.aamc.org/news-insights/us-physician-shortage-growing); therefore be it
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24 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate for legislative action directing the
25 United States Department of Health and Human Services to designate all skilled nursing
26 facilities, irrespective of their geographic location, as health professional shortage areas and/or
27 medically underserved areas to facilitate recruitment and retention of health professionals using
28 the usual and customary support made available for such designations. (Directive to Take
29 Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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