



JUNE 2025
INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES SECTION/
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

I. IMG SECTION (IMGS) AUTHORED RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 234 - Protection for International Medical Graduates – Resolution 234 asked:

That our American Medical Association supports the designation of medical or mental healthcare facilities, such as a hospital, doctor's office, health clinic, vaccination or testing site, urgent care center, site that serves pregnant individuals, or community health center as a protected area, avoiding, when possible, targeted immigration enforcement, in order to preserve the continuity of patient care and medical education (New HOD Policy); and

That our AMA work with relevant stakeholders to develop a confidential mechanism through which IMG physicians can report workplace immigration related interviews, enforcement actions, or audits, in order to identify and address potential instances of unfair treatment or targeting of IMG physicians. (Directive to Take Action))

HOD Action: Resolution 234 adopted as amended and AMA Policies D-160.921 and H-255.988 be reaffirmed.

B. Resolution 312 - Selection of IMG Residents Based on Merit – Resolution 312 asked:

That our American Medical Association collaborate with appropriate stakeholders to develop and disseminate educational resources for program directors and institutions on immigration policy updates that may impact resident recruitment and training and actively work to combat disinformation surrounding immigration policies. (Directive to Take Action)

HOD Action: AMA Policies D-255.991 and H-255.988 reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 312.

C. Resolution 237 - Urgent Advocacy to Restore J-1 Visa Processing for IMG Physicians

Resolution 237 asked: That our American Medical Association: 1. Publicly advocate to resume the scheduling of new J-1 visa appointments affecting International Medical Graduates;

2. Issue urgent advocacy communications to Congress, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, and other relevant agencies, calling for the immediate resumption of J-1 visa processing for International Medical Graduates;
3. Collaborate with key parties, including program directors, Designated Institutional Officers, medical schools, and healthcare organizations to monitor the impact of visa appointment suspensions on patient care and physician workforce stability;
4. Work proactively and transparently to reverse policies harmful to IMGs and mitigate future disruptions, emphasizing the essential contributions of International Medical Graduates to healthcare delivery in the United States.

HOD Action: Original Resolution 237 adopted with a change in title: RESERVATION OF J-1 VISA PROCESSING FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATE PHYSICIANS.

II. Cosponsored resolutions:

- A. MSS Resolution 218 - Distribution of Resident Slots Commensurate with Shortages – Resolution 218 asked: That our American Medical Association support preferential distribution of new residency slots to general internal medicine, family medicine, preventive medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and psychiatry, commensurate with their relative need and expected shortages. (New HOD Policy)

HOD Action: AMA Policies cH-200.954 and H-200.955 reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 218.

- B. MSS Resolution 304 - Addressing Professionalism Standards in Medical Training – Resolution 304 asked:

That our American Medical Association supports regular institutional review, including review by Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) offices or other appropriate entities, of professionalism policies in medical school and residency programs, ensuring that they do not lead to discriminatory practices (New HOD Policy); and

That our AMA supports the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), and American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) to establish guidelines for residency programs and medical school professionalism policies that encourage institutions to outline actions that constitute a violation (New HOD Policy); and

That our AMA advocates for AAMC, ACGME, and AACOM to support measures that prevent medical schools and residency programs from using professionalism violations as a means to stop student advocacy measures. (Directive to Take Action)

HOD Action: Reolution 304 adopted as amended. ([see report](#))

C. RFS Resolution 011 - Opposition of Health Care Entities from Reporting Individual Patient Immigration Status – Resolution 011 asked:

That our American Medical Association amend Policy H-440.876, 25 “Opposition to Criminalization of Medical Care Provided to Undocumented Immigrant Patients” by addition and deletion to read:

1. Our American Medical Association opposes:

- a. any policies, regulations or legislation that would criminalize or punish physicians and other health care providers for the act of giving medical care to patients who are undocumented immigrants;
- b. any policies, regulations, or legislation requiring physicians, and other health care providers, and healthcare entities to collect and report data regarding an individual patient's legal resident status; and
- c. proof of citizenship as a condition of providing health care; and
- d. withholding federal funds if institutions fail to comply with policies which mandate collection of a patient's immigration status.

2. Our AMA opposes any legislative proposals that would criminalize the provision of health care to undocumented residents (Modify Current HOD Policy); and

That our AMA supports collection of de-identified patient information regarding immigration status for funding and research purposes only. (New HOD Policy)

HOD Action: Resolution 011 adopted as amended, with subset to Policy H-440.876 adopted as amended.

- d. withholding federal funds if health care institutions fail to comply with policies which mandate collection of a patient's immigration status.

D. OMSS Resolution 015: Addressing Targeting and Workplace Restrictions and Barriers to Healthcare Delivery by International Medical Graduate (IMG) Physicians and other Physicians Based upon Migration Status or Country of Origin within Healthcare Systems

Resolution 015 asked: That our American Medical Association work with relevant stakeholders to develop model workplace policies to address unfair treatment or targeting of physicians and other healthcare workers, based upon migration status or country of origin, during the regular performance of their duties within healthcare systems (Directive to Take Action); and

That AMA study and develop model hospital and workplace policies to provide standardized procedures for addressing situations in which U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers seek entry into “protected areas,” such as hospitals and healthcare settings to produce actions which may impact patient care or physician safety. (Directive to Take Action)

HOD Action: Resolution 015 adopted.