

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 203  
(I-22)

Introduced by: Missouri

Subject: International Medical Graduate Employment

Referred to: Reference Committee B

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- 1 Whereas, International Medical Graduates (IMGs) play a vital role in Missouri's health care  
2 system; and  
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4 Whereas, IMGs provide medical care to a disproportionately higher number of patients in  
5 underserved communities; and  
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7 Whereas, IMGs provide medical care to a disproportionately higher number of patients using  
8 Medicaid (including those dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid) or SCHIP as their primary  
9 payment source; and  
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11 Whereas, Patients of IMGs are more likely to live in lower median income and incomes below  
12 federal poverty level neighborhoods; and  
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14 Whereas, The number of IMGs serving in medically underserved areas has declined during the  
15 last decade; and  
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17 Whereas, The process to recruit IMGs on visas is too onerous, especially for small independent  
18 physician practices; therefore be it  
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20 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support federal legislation that reduces the  
21 paperwork burden on hiring of International Medical Graduates in rural communities. (New HOD  
22 Policy)

Fiscal Note: Minimal - less than \$1,000

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