



**NOVEMBER 2025**

**INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES SECTION/**

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**IMG SECTION (IMGS) AUTHORED RESOLUTIONS**

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE B**

Resolutions 213 and 214 were considered together by the Reference Committees and House of Delegates.

**Resolution 213 - Pathways to U. S. Permanent Residency for H-1B Physicians**

Resolution 213 asked:

That our American Medical Association urgently, aggressively, and continuously collaborate with the Office of the Inspector General, the Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Congress, and the Executive Branch to advocate for establishing an expedited and separate pathway for physicians to obtain permanent residence and U.S. citizenship, enabling them to practice immediately and without restrictions—including within the Veterans Affairs healthcare system—to address the critical and rapidly worsening physician shortages threatening access to care across the United States. (Directive to Take Action)

**Resolution 214 - Physician Visa Protection and Pathway to Serve Underserved Communities**

Resolution 214 asked:

That our American Medical Association advocate for the federal government to work to ensure physicians are exempt from any proposed increases in H-1B visa fees, including the proposed \$100,000 charge, through feasible alternatives such as by including them in the National Interest Waiver (Directive to Take Action); and

That our AMA advocate for the creation of a dedicated non-immigrant visa pathway specifically for physicians, in recognition of their essential role in U.S. healthcare and to prevent them from being unintended casualties of broader immigration policy changes.  
(Directive to Take Action)

**HOD Action: Alternate Resolution 213 adopted in lieu of Resolutions 213 and 214.**

**ADOPTED LANGUAGE:**

**PHYSICIAN VISA PROTECTION AND PATHWAY TO U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENCY**

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association advocate for a viable, expedited, and separate pathway for physicians to obtain permanent residence in the United States.

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association advocate for the federal government to work to ensure physicians are exempt from unreasonable increases in H-1B visa fees.

RESOLVED, that our AMA advocate for the creation of a dedicated visa pathway specifically for physicians.

**Resolution 216 - Ensuring Timely J-1 Visa Processing to Protect IMG Participation in Residency Programs**

Resolution 216 asked:

That our American Medical Association advocate with the U.S. Department of State, Department of Homeland Security, and other relevant agencies to guarantee timely J-1 visa appointments and processing for all IMGs who have matched into U.S. residency programs, ensuring arrival and participation by July 1 (Directive to Take Action);

That the American Medical Association collaborate with key stakeholders, including Intealth and the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), to advocate for the timely issuance and scheduling of J-1 visas for eligible IMGs, while addressing misinformation about immigration policies that may discourage or mislead potential IMGs and residency programs (Directive to Take Action);

That our AMA work with relevant stakeholders to improve processes that reduce visa delays and ensure equitable opportunities for international medical graduates, thereby strengthening the physician workforce (Directive to Take Action);

That our AMA advocate for contingency protocols at federal agencies to prevent future visa disruptions from jeopardizing IMG participation in the U.S. residency Match (Directive to Take Action); and

That our AMA report back at the 2026 Annual Meeting on actions taken to secure timely visa processing for IMGs entering U.S. residency programs. (Directive to Take Action)

**HOD Action: Alternate Resolution 216 adopted in lieu of Resolution 216.**

**ADOPTED LANGUAGE:**

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association work with all relevant federal agencies to support timely J-1 visa appointments and expedited processing for international medical graduates matched into U. S. residency and fellowship programs.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE C**

**Resolution 304 - Systemic Exclusion of IMGs from Residency Programs**

Resolution 304 asked:

That our AMA reaffirm its commitment to opposing discrimination against IMGs in all aspects of medical education and training (Directive to Take Action);

That our AMA, through its Council on Medical Education, work with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the National Resident Matching Program, and Intealth to prohibit categorical exclusion of IMGs from residency applications; (Directive to Take Action); and

That our AMA, through its Council on Medical Education, advocate for mandatory transparency in residency program eligibility requirements, including IMG eligibility, published in a standardized and accessible format (Directive to Take Action).

**HOD Action: Adopted as amended**

**ADOPTED LANGUAGE:**

RESOLVED, that our AMA uphold its commitment to opposing discrimination against IMGs in all aspects of medical education and training; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA will work with relevant parties to advocate for universal transparency of residency program eligibility requirements, including IMG eligibility and visa sponsorship policies, in electronic residency application systems and FREIDA™ to be published in a standardized, accessible format, to reduce unnecessary financial and emotional burdens on applicants.