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INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES SECTION/

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Reference Committee B

Resolution 221 — Preserving Duration of Status For J-1 Physicians In Graduate Medical Education

Resolution 221 asked:

that our American Medical Association support the maintenance of continuous J-1 visa status for physicians for the entirety of their graduate medical education plus additional time to gain licensure in the U.S. including the provision of premium processing, support for necessary changes in employment, and appropriate support for extension-of-stay applications; and

that existing AMA policies D-255.966, D23 275.995, D-255.991, and D-275.989 be reaffirmed.

HOD ACTION: Alternate Resolution 221 adopted in lieu of Resolution 221.

ADOPTED LANGUAGE AND TITLE:

New Title: PRESERVING VISA STATUS FOR J-1 PHYSICIANS IN GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association support the maintenance of continuous J-1 visa status for physicians for the entirety of their graduate medical education plus additional time to gain licensure in the U.S. including the provision of premium processing, support for necessary changes in employment, and appropriate support for extension-of-stay applications.

RESOLVED, that existing AMA policies D-255.966, D-275.995, D-255.991, and D-275.989 be reaffirmed.

Resolution 222 — Increasing Legislative Advocacy and Dedicated National Educational Programming for International Medical Graduates (IMGS)

Resolution 222 asked:

that our American Medical Association expand its federal and state advocacy efforts to actively educate legislators, administrative agencies, and health system policymakers on the critical role International Medical Graduates (IMGs) play in addressing national physician workforce shortages and improving healthcare access in underserved;

that our AMA collaborate with the AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS), state medical societies, and relevant specialty organizations to establish unique, dedicated events and educational programming, including legislative briefings, advocacy workshops, and policy panels focused on IMG workforce integration at national meetings such as the AMA National Advocacy Conference (Directive to Take Action); and

that our AMA develop educational materials and policy toolkits highlighting key IMG workforce issues (such as visa reauthorization, green card backlog relief, and licensing equity) for distribution to federal and state lawmakers to support targeted healthcare workforce legislation. (Directive to Take Action)

HOD ACTION: Existing AMA policies H-255.988, D-255.969, 14 D-255.991, and D-255.980 are reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 222.

Reference Committee C

Resolution 306 – Fee Parity for International Medical Graduates Taking USMLE Examinations Outside the United States

HOD ACTION: Resolution 306 adopted as amended.

Resolution 306 asked:

that our American Medical Association advocate with the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), and Intealth/ECFMG to establish fee parity between domestic and international test-takers for all USMLE examinations by eliminating geographic test delivery surcharges; (Directive to Take Action) and

that our AMA work with testing sponsors to ensure that any restructuring of examination scheduling—including fixed exam administration windows and international center expansion—is implemented with transparent, standardized cost structures that do not

disproportionately penalize candidates testing outside the United States. (Directive to Take Action)

Adopted language in second resolved clause:

RESOLVED, that our AMA work with testing sponsors to ensure that any restructuring of the United States Medical Licensing Examination scheduling—including fixed exam administration windows and international center expansion—is implemented with transparent, standardized cost structures that do not disproportionately penalize candidates testing outside the United States.