Resolution: 019
(A-22)

Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: Hardship for International Medical Graduates from Ukraine

Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

Whereas, Ukraine is in the midst of a major humanitarian and medical crisis since the Russian invasion on February, 24th, 2022; and

Whereas, Numerous civilians including children have been killed and millions of Ukrainians have been displaced from their home seeking safety; and

Whereas, Physicians who went to medical school in Ukraine have no possible means of obtaining primary source verification of medical education; and

Whereas, Many states require additional verification for IMGs from medical schools, despite the Federation Credentials Verification Services profile, to issue them state medical license; and

Whereas, Nationwide physicians crisis during the pandemic highlighted the need for multiple state licenses for physicians to serve the underserved areas; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate with relevant stakeholders that advise state medical boards to grant hardship waiver for primary source verification of medical education for all licensing requirements for physicians who graduated from medical schools in Ukraine until the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine is resolved; (Directive to Take Action) and further

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate with relevant stakeholders to grant a hardship waiver for the Statement of Need Certificate for obtaining a Visa for Ukrainian physicians who matched to the residency or fellowship in the U.S. until the resolution of the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Modest - between $1,000 - $5,000

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References:

RELEVANT AMA POLICY
None.