

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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

1 Whereas, Ukraine is in the midst of a major humanitarian and medical crisis since the Russian
2 invasion on February, 24th, 2022; and
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4 Whereas, Numerous civilians including children have been killed and millions of Ukrainians
5 have been displaced from their home seeking safety; and
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7 Whereas, Physicians who went to medical school in Ukraine have no possible means of
8 obtaining primary source verification of medical education; and
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10 Whereas, Many states require additional verification for IMGs from medical schools, despite the
11 Federation Credentials Verification Services profile, to issue them state medical license; and
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13 Whereas, Nationwide physicians crisis during the pandemic highlighted the need for multiple
14 state licenses for physicians to serve the underserved areas; therefore, be it
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16 RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate with relevant stakeholders that advise state medical
17 boards to grant hardship waiver for primary source verification of medical education for all
18 licensing requirements for physicians who graduated from medical schools in Ukraine until the
19 current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine is resolved; (Directive to Take Action) and further
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21 RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate with relevant stakeholders to grant a hardship waiver for
22 the Statement of Need Certificate for obtaining a Visa for Ukrainian physicians who matched to
23 the residency or fellowship in the U.S. until the resolution of the current humanitarian crisis in
24 Ukraine. (Directive to Take Action)

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

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References:

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2. Reed, B. J. (2022, March 26). Ukraine war: WHO says attacks on health facilities are rising daily. BBC News. <https://www.bbc.com/news/health-60866669>

RELEVANT AMA POLICY

None.