

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 2
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Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: Hardship for International Medical Graduates from Ukraine

Referred to: Reference Committee

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

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

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

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

9 Whereas, Nationwide physicians crisis during the pandemic highlighted the need for multiple
10 state licenses for physicians to serve the underserved areas.Therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate with ~~FSMB, ECFMG, and relevant stakeholders that~~
12 advise ~~the~~ state medical boards, ~~and other stakeholders~~ to grant hardship waiver for primary
13 source verification of medical education for all licensing requirements for physicians who
14 graduated from medical schools in Ukraine until the current humanitarian crisis ~~is resolved~~ in
15 Ukraine is resolved, and further

16 RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate with relevant stakeholders to grant a hardship waiver for
17 the Statement of Need Certificate for obtaining a Visa for Ukrainian physicians who matched to
18 the residency or fellowship in the U.S. until the resolution of the current humanitarian crisis in
19 Ukraine.?

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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>

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

None.