Whereas, States have a responsibility to plan for their future physician workforce needs; and

Whereas, There is a general consensus that the extensive provisions for expanding access to care contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148, HR 3590) will result in greater demands for physician services; and

Whereas, The increasing pressures on physician demand will create or exacerbate shortages of physicians in a large number of states; and

Whereas, States are challenged in the feasibility of collecting on an ongoing basis data that tracks medical school graduates and completers of residency programs for purposes of measuring outcomes and retention rates by state; and

Whereas, The AMA Physician Masterfile is the single best resource for measuring medical school graduate and resident retention rates for all states; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our AMA work to support the formation of a national workforce database that tracks medical school graduates and resident retention rates by state and region for access by all interested parties (Directive to Take Action).

Relevant AMA Policy:

H-200.955 Revisions to AMA Policy on the Physician Workforce
(2) Our AMA encourages and collaborates in the collection of the data needed for workforce planning and in the conduct of national and regional research on physician supply and distribution. The AMA will independently and in collaboration with state and specialty societies, national medical organizations, and other public and private sector groups, compile and disseminate the results of the research. (CME Rep. 2, I-03; Reaffirmation I-06; Reaffirmation I-07; Reaffirmed: CME Rep. 15, A-10)