

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution:
(I-10)

Introduced by: Texas Delegation

Subject: Annual AMA Reports on State-Level Medical School Graduate and Resident Retention Rates

Referred to:

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- 1 Whereas, States have a responsibility to plan for their future physician workforce needs; and
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3 Whereas, There is a general consensus that the extensive provisions for expanding access to
4 care contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148, HR 3590) will
5 result in greater demands for physician services; and
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7 Whereas, The increasing pressures on physician demand will create or exacerbate shortages of
8 physicians in a large number of states; and
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10 Whereas, States are challenged in the feasibility of collecting on an ongoing basis data that
11 tracks medical school graduates and completers of residency programs for purposes of
12 measuring outcomes and retention rates by state; and
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14 Whereas, The AMA Physician Masterfile is the single best resource for measuring medical
15 school graduate and resident retention rates for all states; therefore be it
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17 **RESOLVED**, That our AMA work to support the formation of a national workforce database that
18 tracks medical school graduates and resident retention rates by state and region for access by
19 all interested parties (Directive to Take Action).
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21 **Relevant AMA Policy:**
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23 **H-200.955 Revisions to AMA Policy on the Physician Workforce**
24 (2) Our AMA encourages and collaborates in the collection of the data needed for workforce
25 planning and in the conduct of national and regional research on physician supply and
26 distribution. The AMA will independently and in collaboration with state and specialty societies,
27 national medical organizations, and other public and private sector groups, compile and
28 disseminate the results of the research. (CME Rep. 2, I-03; Reaffirmation I-06; Reaffirmation I-
29 07; Reaffirmed: CME Rep. 15, A-10)