

**RESOLUTION 6 - 05A**

**Title: J1 Visa Waivers For Specialists**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee E**

**House Action: Approved**

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**Whereas, there is a severe shortage of specialty physicians in several parts of the U.S., and**

**Whereas, there are several J1 Visa holders trained in specialties that have to do primary care practice for three years as part of J1 Visa waiver requirement before they are eligible for immigrant visa status, and**

**Whereas, the current J1 Visa waiver program allows only a certain number of applicants to go into specialty practice; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to seek legislation to allow states to determine the distribution of J1 Visa waivers between primary care and specialists depending on their own need.**

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