

RESOLUTION 7-07A

Title: English Skills Testing and the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Continuum

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House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, when taking the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), Step Two-CS Spoken English Proficiency (SPE) Test, if a candidate fails any part of the exam, he or she must retake all three parts of the exam, and

Whereas, many of these IMG physicians encounter difficulties in obtaining U.S. visas to enter the country just to take the examinations, and face financial hardship to fund such a visit, and

Whereas, certain IMG physicians fail in the SPE only, and retaking the already passed other two parts of the exam, is unnecessary; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to seek a change in the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) that would allow a candidate who fails the English Proficiency test portion to take an alternative spoken English proficiency test approved by the National Board of Medical Examiners and not be required to retake the entire USMLE.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE