

Title: J1 Visa Waivers for IMG Faculty Appointees to U.S. Medical Schools

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House Action:

Whereas, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), among others, projects a physician shortage in the United States in the near future,¹ and

Whereas, the “AAMC believes that sufficient evidence is at hand to recommend that entry level positions in both U.S. medical schools and Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs should be increased over the coming decade,”² and

Whereas, many medical schools in the United States are expanding their class sizes and new medical schools are being planned,³ and

Whereas, the new and expanding medical schools will further increase the need for qualified faculty members for U.S. medical schools, and

Whereas, because of the aging demographic of current U.S. medical school faculty “some medical schools may need to consider how best to meet the challenges associated with recruiting and integrating unusually large numbers of faculty,”⁴ and

Whereas, many faculty positions at U.S. medical schools remain unfilled due to attrition for a variety of reasons “with attendant challenges of how best to recruit and integrate new faculty,”⁵ and

Whereas, many International Medical Graduates are well qualified and desire an academic faculty position in a U.S. medical school, but are unable to do so because of visa status (J1); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage the AMA to seek federal legislation to simplify the pathway for a J1 visa waiver status holder for a qualified International Medical Graduate who seeks an appointment to a U.S. medical school as a faculty member.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ AAMC *Statement on the Physician Workforce, 2006*, available at www.aamc.org/workforce/workforceposition.pdf .

² Ibid.

³ “*Projections of Future Medical School Enrollment*,” AAMC Analysis in Brief, Vol. 9, No. 3, Sept. 2009, available at www.aamc.org/data/aib/aibissues/aibvol8_no3.pdf.

⁴ “*The Aging of Full-time U.S. Medical School Faculty: 1967-2007*,” AAMC Analysis in Brief, Vol. 9, No. 4, Oct. 2009, available at www.aamc.org/data/aib/aibissues/aibvol9_no4.pdf.

⁵ *The Long-term Retention and Attrition of U.S. Medical School Faculty*, AAMC Analysis in Brief, Vol. 8, No. 4, June 2008 available at www.aamc.org/data/aib/aibissues/aibvol8_no4.pdf.