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Title: Primary Care Physician Shortage
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House Action: See 68-12

Whereas, there is a shortage of primary care physicians in the US, and

Whereas, there are International Medical Graduates (IMG) being trained in the US, who typically hold “J-1” visas, and who have to return to their home countries for at least two years after completion of their training, and

Whereas, there is a significant excess above the cap of thirty J-1 visa holding trainees for each state irrespective of a particular state’s need, who would be willing to apply for a waiver to serve in Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) or Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS urges the AMA to support legislation adjusting the J-1 visa cap in terms of overall number of waivers and need of individual states for physicians.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE