

**Title:** Modernize Requirements for Unrestricted Licensure in Michigan

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**Referred To:** Reference Committee B

**House Action:** REFERRED TO THE MSMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Whereas, the public health of the citizens of the state of Michigan and the quality of patient care available to them depends on the quality and training of physicians licensed to practice in the state, and

Whereas, at present, the only requirement for the granting of a new, unrestricted license to practice medicine in Michigan is graduation from medical school and two years of post-graduate training, whether in the same or different specialties, and

Whereas, times have changed, this requirement originated decades ago when more than one or two years of post-graduate training was thought unnecessary and many physicians went into general practice, and

Whereas, recent research has shown that physicians with fewer than three years of post-graduate training are four times as likely to be subject to disciplinary action by a state medical board for substandard practice, and

Whereas, the Federation of State Medical Boards policy since 1998 has called for three years of post-graduate training as a prerequisite for obtaining a medical license, and

Whereas, it is now the public’s expectation that physicians will have completed residency training in a chosen field before being licensed to practice; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS should endorse the concept of requiring a physician to have completed either an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical or American Osteopathic Association approved residency program or at least three years of post-graduate training in a single field of medicine as a prerequisite for the granting of a new, unrestricted medical license to practice medicine in the state of Michigan.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$1,000-\$2,000

## **Relevant MSMS Policy:**

### **Automatic Eligibility for Licensure Limited to Graduates from Medical Schools which Meet LCME Standards**

Only graduates from medical schools which meet standards established by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education should be automatically eligible for licensure as medical doctors in Michigan.

## **Relevant AMA Policy:**

### **Funding to Support Training of the Health Care Workforce H-310.916**

1. Our American Medical Association will insist that any new GME funding to support graduate medical education positions be available only to Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and/or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accredited residency programs, and believes that funding made available to support the training of health care providers not be made at the expense of ACGME and/or AOA accredited residency programs.
2. Our AMA strongly advocates that: (A) there be no decreases in the current funding of MD and DO graduate medical education while there is a concurrent increase in funding of graduate medical education (GME) in other professions; and (B) there be at least proportional increases in the current funding of MD and DO graduate medical education similar to increases in funding of GME in other professions.
3. Our AMA will advocate to appropriate federal agencies, and other relevant stakeholders to oppose the diversion of direct and indirect funding away from ACGME-accredited graduate medical education programs.

## **Sources:**

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