

**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2017
RESOLUTION: B10**

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SUBJECT: Principles Regarding Physician Competence

TYPE: Resolution of Principles

1 WHEREAS new technology has made physician licensure and certification statuses easily
2 available and publicly accessible through many sources, including the Federation of State
3 Medical Boards¹, individual state licensing boards², American Medical Association³, American
4 Osteopathic Association⁴; and

5 WHEREAS the current PPP language on clearinghouses from 1987 is out of date;

6 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles Regarding Physician Competence (p.
7 83) be AMENDED BY DELETION AND ADDITION as follows:

8 5. SUPPORTS **the maintenance of physician licensure and certification boards, including but not**
9 **limited to each respective state medical licensing board, the American Board of Medical**
10 **Specialties (ABMS), the American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS), and the American**
11 **Osteopathic Association (AOA),** ~~establishment of the physician clearinghouse~~ for the purpose of
12 uncovering individuals practicing medicine without proper licensure or identifying the
13 certification status of individuals practicing medicine. ~~The law requires that hospitals routinely~~
14 ~~check staff physicians with the clearinghouse.~~

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16 7. ENCOURAGES hospitals, health-care professionals, and patients to use the **physician**
17 **licensure and certification boards** ~~clearinghouse~~ responsibly and in the best interest of the
18 community, recognizing that determining a physician's true competence is complex and may not
19 be accurately reflected in these records.

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21 FISCAL NOTE: None

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- 23 References:
24 1. Federation of State Medical Boards Doc Info Search: <http://www.docinfo.org/>
25 2. Directory of State Medical and Osteopathic Boards: <https://www.fsmb.org/policy/contacts>
26 3. American Medical Association Doctor Finder Search: <https://apps.ama-assn.org/doctorfinder/home.jsp>
27 4. American Osteopathic Association Doctor Finder Search: <http://doctorsthatdo.org/>

28 **REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE B**

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30 **DISCUSSION**

31 **BOT:** Adopt as written.

32 **BRD:** Adopt as written

33 **PRD:** Adopt as written

34 **IRD:** Adopt as written.

35 **ACTE:** Adopt as written.

36 **International Caucus:** None.

37 **Premedical Caucus:** None.

38 **Resident Caucus:** None.

39 **Other Groups:** None.

40 **Other Discussion:** None.

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42 **SYNTHESIS OF DISCUSSION**

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44 No discussion of con vs pro offered.

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46 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

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48 The proposed resolution appropriately of replacing clearinghouse provides clarity of the entities
49 that filter physician competence.

50 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

51 Adopt as written.

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