

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

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SUBJECT: Principles Regarding Physician Competence

TYPE: Resolution of Principles

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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 Boards<sup>1</sup>, individual state licensing boards<sup>2</sup>, American Medical Association<sup>3</sup>, American  
4 Osteopathic Association<sup>4</sup>; 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5 WHEREAS the current PPP language on clearinghouses from 1987 is out of date;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/>