

AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2016
RESOLUTION: B13

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SCHOOL: Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center; Ross University School of Medicine; University of Missouri; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine; University of Connecticut School of Medicine

SUBJECT: Principles Regarding Service in Underserved Areas and Service Obligations

TYPE: Resolution of Principles

1 WHEREAS, loan forgiveness programs are in place to lift the burden of debt for primary care physicians,

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3 WHEREAS, there are restrictions on how forgiveness programs can relieve loan debt,

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5 WHEREAS, some physicians in training may have more medical school tuition, and thus may have more debt
6 than their colleagues,

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8 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles Regarding Service in Underserved Areas and Service
9 Obligations (p. 26-27) be AMENDED by addition to state:

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11 8. In regard to public service loan forgiveness:

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13 SUPPORTS the public service loan forgiveness program, and the adoption of eligibility criteria, and
14 defines full time internship and residency training at an eligible non- profit institution as a public
15 service. (2011)

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17 OPPOSES the consideration of the sum amount of loan forgiveness as taxable income (2016)

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19 OPPOSES a cap on the amount of loan forgiveness (2016)

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22 Fiscal note: None
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24 **REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE B**

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26 **BOT:** Voted to adopt as written

27 **BRD:** Voted to adopt as written

28 **PRD:** Voted to NA

29 **IRD:** Voted to adopt as written

30 **ACTE:** Voted to adopt as written

31 **Premedical Caucus:** Voted to NA
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33 **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

34 **PROS:** The proposition testimony argued for the resolution.

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36 **CONS:** No opposition testimony provided

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38 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

39 The majority of the regions/caucuses were for the resolution

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41 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

42 **Adopt as written.**