

All Payer Graduate Medical Education Funding from the Pima County Medical Society

Whereas, Graduate Medical Education (Residency) is essential for medical school graduates to acquire the additional skills needed, and to be licensed to practice Medicine; and

Whereas, the number of medical school graduates in the US now exceeds the number of Residency positions; and

Whereas, all types of medical insurance (original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid and all forms of commercial insurance) require trained physicians to provide care to their beneficiaries; and

Whereas, almost all Residency positions in the US are funded by Medicare and Medicaid, and not by commercial insurers; and

Whereas, there is geographic maldistribution of Residency positions relative to medical schools, and

Whereas, the AMA recognized this issue and created Policy 305.973 to address this at the A-2005 meeting and last reaffirmed it at the A-2013 meeting; and

Whereas, the AMA recognized that this was still an issue in 2007, and created Policy 305.967 to address this at the A-2007 meeting, and last reaffirmed it at the A-2017 meeting; and

Whereas, the problems of underfunding, inadequate number of Residencies and geographic maldistribution of Residencies continue to worsen; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Arizona Medical Association request that the AMA Board of Trustees investigate the status of these policies and report back to the HOD with proposed measures to resolve the problems of underfunding, inadequate number of Residencies and geographic maldistribution of Residencies, and to require Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, and Commercial Insurance to share the costs of Graduate Medical Education, in order to meet the needs of all graduating medical students and all patients in the United States and its Territories.

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