

RESOLUTION 09.2020-15 (A-21)
INCREASING PHYSICIANS WITHIN MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED
AREAS, INCLUDING CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

ISMS Board Action Taken on 01/30/2021

Adopted Substitute Resolution 09.2020-15 (A-21), in lieu of Resolution 09.2020-15 (A-21), as amended by the Board of Trustees (with title change):

Title Change: Increasing Physicians Within Medically Underserved Areas, Including Central and Southern Illinois

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society advocate for the development and implementation of financial and non-financial incentives to encourage physicians to practice in medically underserved areas, including central and southern Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate for the development and implementation of programs to enhance work opportunities and social support systems for spouses of practitioners working in medically underserved areas (including central and southern Illinois), with the goal of enhancing family satisfaction and facilitating stability of the rural physician workforce.

Council on Education and Health Workforce Recommendation to
ISMS Board on 01/30/2021

At the October meeting, the Council discussed the challenges rural areas face attracting and retaining physicians of *all* specialties, not just surgical specialties, and stated their belief that the need to increase physician access in rural areas is a critical issue that may necessitate increased financial resources, along with other creative strategies to make rural practice more attractive and sustainable. The Council decided to table discussion of the resolution until the January 2021 meeting to consider development of alternative language.

At the January 2021 meeting, the Council considered substitute language that would encompass both financial and non-financial incentives that could help strengthen the rural physician workforce. The Council agreed to Substitute Resolution 09.2020-15 (A-21), with a change in title.

The Council on Education and Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Substitute Resolution 09.2020-15 (A-21) in lieu of Resolution 09.2020-15 (A-21) (with title change):

41 Title Change: ~~Increasing Surgical Specialty Providers and Anesthesiologists Within~~
42 ~~Rural Areas Within Central and Southern Illinois~~ Increasing Physicians Within Rural
43 Areas

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45 RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society advocate for the
46 development and implementation of financial and non-financial incentives to encourage
47 physicians to practice in rural areas (consistent with the definitions used by the U.S.
48 Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service); and be it further

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50 RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate for the development and implementation of
51 programs to enhance work opportunities and social support systems for spouses of rural
52 practitioners, with the goal of enhancing family satisfaction and facilitating stability of
53 the rural physician workforce.