

RESOLUTION 11.2021-10 (A-22)
ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICAL LICENSE

ISMS Board Action Taken on 06/25/2022

Did Not Adopt Resolution 11.2021-10 (A-22).

Council on Education & Health Workforce Recommendation to ISMS Board on
06/25/2022

At the January meeting, the Council decided to table action on the resolution until the June 2022 meeting so that additional information could be reviewed from the states (IA, TX, TN and DE) that currently have an administrative license category including eligibility, scope of practice, CME requirements, ongoing performance measurements, etc., before a decision could be made on whether to recommend adoption or non-adoption of this resolution to the ISMS Board.

At the June 2022 meeting, the Council reviewed additional background material compiled on this issue. The Council confirmed that other states that have an administrative license category maintain all licensing requirements except those related to how recently a physician has been in active practice. The Council also noted that rates of discipline or revocation of administrative licenses do not appear to be significantly different from overall rates, which the Council interpreted to mean that states were able to maintain sufficient oversight over physicians who remained licensed but not in active practice.

The Council agrees with the resolution author that there is a practical value to allowing physicians to maintain their professional licenses even if they do not wish to continue in direct patient care. The creation of an administrative license category that maintains CME and similar requirements would provide physicians who are not in active practice the capacity to contribute to the medical profession in other ways. Therefore, the Council recommends that the resolution be adopted.

The Council on Education & Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 11.2021-10 (A-22), as submitted.