

**Board Adopted Substitute Resolution 09.2020-15 (A-21) with Title Change
in lieu of Resolution 09.2020-15 (A-21)
(January 2021)
(Affirmed; 2021 Annual Meeting)**

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Resolution 09.2020-15
(A-21)**

Introduced by: Alexandria Wellman, Matthew Riley and Tariq Issa, ISMS Members

Subject: ~~Increasing Surgical Specialty Providers and Anesthesiologists Within Rural Areas Within Central and Southern Illinois~~
Increasing Physicians Within Medically Underserved Areas, Including Central and Southern Illinois

Referred to: Council on Education & Health Workforce

~~RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate for support mechanisms and incentives for surgeons and anesthesiologists practicing in rural areas, as well as their families, in order to retain these needed healthcare services in rural areas within the state of Illinois; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate for financial incentives, such as increased reimbursement rates for both private insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid and financial compensation at competitive rates from the hospital, for providers for procedures done on patients during on-call hours; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate for tax incentives for physicians practicing within the downstate region of Illinois in order to recruit more surgical subspecialists and anesthesiologists to those areas.~~

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.