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Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, MS, MACP, FACOI
President and CEO, Federation of State Medical Boards
400 Fuller Wisser Road
Euless, TX 76039

RE: Reciprocity of State Training Licenses

Dear Dr. Chaudhry:

On behalf of the 129,000 physician and medical-student members of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), I write to engage the Federation of State Medical Boards in a dialogue about the need for state medical boards to recognize training licenses from other neighboring jurisdictions, in order to remove geographic restrictions on the educational experiences of family medicine residents.

The AAFP recognizes and applauds the FSMB's leadership in the establishment of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The AAFP supports the concept of licensure and relicensure at the state level, and encourages states to use tools such as the Compact to permit the practice of medicine across state borders. As efforts to add participants to the Compact move forward, the AAFP seeks the FSMB's perspective on how best to establish a pathway for residents to obtain temporary reciprocity for the limited purpose of training opportunities.

Many family medicine residency programs experience administrative burdens related to licensure, if they design a residency training experience that involves training in multiple jurisdictions. By way of example, residents in the Georgetown University Providence Hospital Family Medicine Residency Training Program must receive training licenses in both the District of Columbia (where the program is based) and the State of Maryland (where the continuity clinic is based) in order to fulfill their residency requirements.

We look forward to discussing this idea with you further. If you or your staff would like to contact the AAFP, please feel free to contact me directly and copy Andrew Adair, Government Relations Representative, at aadair@aafp.org.

Sincerely,

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Board Chair

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