

## **The Coalition for Physician Accountability Statement on Executive Order on Immigration**

Washington, D.C. (February 3, 2017) –Member organizations of the Coalition for Physician Accountability released the following joint statement in response to the executive order on immigration:

“The Coalition for Physician Accountability is dedicated to advancing quality health care and enhancing patient safety through continuous improvement of medical education, training and physician practice.

While we recognize the intent of the executive order in keeping Americans safe, we are concerned about the unintended consequences it may have on medical education, training and access to quality care in the United States. The American health care system has benefited greatly from the contributions of international medical graduates, who make up nearly one quarter of all practicing physicians in the United States. At a time when America is facing a physician shortage, we are concerned that preventing qualified foreign physicians from entering our country will only exacerbate a growing problem with access to physician care across the nation. It is our hope that these concerns will be carefully considered so that the United States will continue to be an inclusive global health care leader.”

The following organizations have signed on to this statement:

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), American Medical Association (AMA), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS), Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG®), Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), National Board of Medical Examiners® (NBME®), and the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME).

### **About the Coalition for Physician Accountability**

The Coalition for Physician Accountability is a membership organization designed to advance health care and promote professional accountability by improving the quality, efficiency, and continuity of the education, training, and assessment of physicians.

Founded in 2009, current membership consists of senior leadership and governance representatives from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), American Medical Association (AMA), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG®), Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), National Board of Medical Examiners® (NBME®), and the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME). In addition, the Joint Commission and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) serve as liaison members. The Coalition also appoints public members to its membership to ensure adequate representation of the public voice in the deliberations of the Coalition.

To learn more about the Coalition for Physician Accountability, please click [here](#).