

permanent fix. The College also urges Congress to promptly enact legislation to establish a path to legal immigration status for these individuals to ensure that “Dreamers” are permanently protected from deportation. These individuals should also have access to federal student loans and other appropriate opportunities.

6. ACP supports the establishment of a path to legal immigration status for undocumented children who came to the United States due to the actions of their parents.

The College reaffirms its call for a national immigration policy consistent with the recommendations in its 2011 paper,

Background (Prepared by the Division of Governmental Affairs and Public Policy staff)

On January 27, 2017 President Trump signed an executive order that severely restricts immigration from seven Muslim majority countries, suspends all refugee admission for 120 days, and bars all Syrian refugees indefinitely. As a result of the restrictions, hundreds of people with valid documentation were detained at U.S. airports or prevented from boarding flights to the U.S. over the weekend.

The executive order bars the entry of any refugee who is awaiting resettlement in the U.S. for 120 days. It also prohibits all Syrian refugees from entering the U.S. until further notice. There were several reports of refugees, who had already gone through the years-long process before being approved to come to the U.S., being detained in U.S. airports or stranded in third countries.¹

The executive order bans the citizens of seven majority-Muslim countries—Iraq, Iran, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Libya, and Yemen—from entering the U.S. on any visa category. On Saturday this included individuals who are permanent residents of the U.S. (green-card holders) who were traveling overseas to visit family or for work. Many permanent legal U.S. residents (green card holders) were told they could not set foot on U.S. soil as they returned from trips abroad. Advocates said 100 to 200 travelers from those Muslim-majority countries were being held at various airports around the U.S. as a result of Trump’s order. This includes at least two internal medicine residents who are ACP members. A second-year resident in internal medicine at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn with an H-1B visa for foreign workers in specialty

occupations was blocked from boarding a plane back to the U.S. from Sudan.

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Physicians "may not discriminate against a class or category of patients."
Physicians "should work toward ensuring access to health care for all persons; act to eliminate discrimination in health care; and help correct deficiencies in the availability, accessibility, and quality of health services... The denial of appropriate care to a class of patients for any reason is unethical." ^{viii}

3. GME caps should be lifted as needed to permit training of an adequate number of primary care physicians, including general internists, and other specialties facing shortages. Opportunities for GME should exist for both international medical graduates and U.S. medical graduates. (BOR 11)

outpatient care, inpatient care, and emergency services, and the primary care

