



American Model United Nations
World Health Organization Executive Board

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Promoting The Health of Migrants

SUBMITTED TO: The World Health Organization Executive Board

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1 *Recognizing* the need for collaboration in the efficient transfer of medical history documents in order to
2 address the health needs of migrants,

3 *Noting* that the creation and sharing of health records will increase quality of care for migrants,

4 *Aware* of concerns regarding migrants' right to privacy when sharing medical history,

5 *Identifying* the necessity of taking precautions to ensure parties including Member States that may want
6 access to medical records for their own interests are not able to gain access,

7 *Acknowledging* that different cultural practices and beliefs may affect how different populations view and
8 approach healthcare and medical practices that pertain to both physical and mental health,

9 1. *Recommends* that the World Health Organization (WHO) include common cultural beliefs and practices of
10 different populations regarding healthcare in its annual World Health Statistics reports to ensure healthcare providers
11 have all relevant information to properly treat their patients;

12 2. *Encourages* migrant-receiving Member States to require healthcare providers to establish and create
13 quality baseline and rudimentary medical histories for new migrant patients without records from their home country,
14 and as such:

15 (a) *Recommends* that Member States require healthcare providers to use existing domestic infras-
16 tructures, whether private or public, to securely create and hold migrant records in the same way that they keep
17 citizens' records;

18 (b) *Recommends* that these newly created records are accessible to migrant patients for transfers
19 both within and outside of a Member State, only upon the migrant patient's explicit consent and request;

20 (c) *Recommends* that these records are kept in both the host Member State's language and in the
21 migrant patient's preferred language;

22 3. *Establishes* a secure digital communication infrastructure under WHO with collaboration of the Inter-
23 national Organization for Migration named World Infrastructure for Transfer of Healthcare History of Migrants
24 (WITHHOM) that will allow healthcare providers to securely transfer migrant patient records and communicate a
25 migrant patient's history internationally and across state lines, and as such:

26 (a) *Encourages* the convening and consultation of healthcare administration officials and experts
27 from Member States to create an infrastructure that promotes both quality healthcare of migrants and protection of
28 their privacy;

29 (b) *Encourages* the convening and consultation of independent digital security experts in order to
30 ensure that the privacy of migrant patients whose records are being transferred is respected and secure;

31 (c) *Encourages* healthcare providers to transition foreign medical records upon receipt into the
32 acceptable format and language for the receiving Member State, such that migrants maintain the power to choose
33 their medical providers and services and have the ability to do so with acceptable records;

34 4. *Implores* Member States to uphold the same rights of privacy for migrants as they do citizens concerning
35 protection of medical records, and as such:

36 (a) *Urges* Member States to only allow healthcare providers to accept, transition and/or release for-
37 eign medical records to necessary healthcare providers through the previously mentioned WITHHOM communication
38 infrastructure;

39 (b) *Urges* Member States to only allow healthcare providers to transfer and/or release medical
40 records with the expressed and explicit request and consent of the migrant patient;

41 (c) *Urges* that request and consent to release documents be in the migrant patient's preferred
42 language;

43 (d) *Strongly discourages* attempts of any outside party, including Member States, to access migrant
44 medical records for their own interests or for discriminatory use.

Passed, Yes: 8 / No: 3 / Abstain: 3