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AAVMC Opposes Recent Administration Action Concerning International Students

The AAVMC is one of many organizations signed on to a [Federation of Associations of Schools of the Health Professions letter](#) to the Department of Homeland Security opposing recent action regarding international students and pandemic altered educational programs. DHS recently announced that nonimmigrant F-1 and M-1 visa holders would need to leave the country if their educational programs were moved to on-line status as a result of the pandemic. The policy could potentially affect about one million students and challenge many of the colleges and universities who are attempting to deliver their educational programs while protecting public health. FASHP comprises 18 associations and represents a health professions education community that includes 7,429 programs, institutions, hospitals, and health systems, and more than 1.3 million students, faculty, clinicians, administrators, residents, and researchers. AAVMC CEO Dr. Andrew T. Maccabe is the current FASHP president. Click the link above to view the letter.