

EMR IMPROVEMENT

(11) RESOLUTION 204 - EHR VENDORS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate that physicians are offered flexibility related to the adoption and use of new certified Electronic Health Records (EHRs) versions or editions when there is not a sufficient choice of EHR products that meet the specified certification standards. (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate that physicians not be financially penalized for certified EHR technology not meeting current standards. (New AMA Policy)

AND

(24) RESOLUTION 203 - BIDIRECTIONAL COMMUNICATION FOR EHR SOFTWARE AND PHARMACIES

RESOLUTION 205 - HEALTH PLAN, PHARMACY, ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS INTEGRATION

HOD ACTION: Resolutions 203 and 205 referred with a report back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

AND

Resolution 218 - HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRINCIPLES

HOD ACTION: Resolution 218 referred.

PHYSICIAN PRACTICE

Resolution 230 – OPPOSE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

HOD ACTION: Resolution 230 adopted.

Resolution 214 – ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMPACT

That our American Medical Association convene an in-person meeting of relevant physician stakeholders to initiate the creation of a consistent national strategy (consensus principles of agreement/solutions, model legislation, national and state public relations campaigns) purposed to: (1) Effectively oppose the continual, nationwide efforts to grant independent practice (e.g., APRN Consensus Model, APRN Compact) to non-physician practitioners; (2) Effectively educate the public, legislators, regulators, and healthcare administrators; and (3) Effectively oppose state and national level legislative efforts aimed at inappropriate scope of practice expansion of non-physician healthcare practitioners; with report back at the 2018 Annual Meeting. (Directive to Take Action) and AMEND H-35.988 Independent Practice of Medicine by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

That our AMA, in the public interest, opposes enactment of legislation to authorize the independent practice of medicine by any individual who has not completed the state's requirements for licensure to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery in all its branches. Our AMA opposes enactment of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Multistate Compact, due to the potential of the APRN Compact to supersede state laws that require APRNs to practice under physician supervision, collaboration or oversight.

PHYSICIAN BURNOUT

RESOLUTION 601 - PHYSICIAN BURNOUT AND WELLNESS CHALLENGES

RESOLUTION 604 - PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SAFETY NET

RESOLUTION 605 – IDENTIFICATION AND REDUCTION OF PHYSICIAN DEMORALIZATION

HOD ACTION: Resolutions 601, 604, and 605 referred with report back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

INSURANCE COMPANY OVER REACH

Resolution 808 - OPPOSITION TO REDUCED PAYMENT FOR THE 25 MODIFIER

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association aggressively and immediately advocate through any legal means possible, including direct payer negotiations, regulations, legislation, or litigation, to ensure when evaluation and management (E&M) code is appropriately reported with a modifier 25, that both the procedure and E&M codes are paid at the non-reduced, allowable payment rate. (Directive to Take Action)

Finally, there were many important educational seminars including Cybersecurity, the Opioid Epidemic, Generation Changes in Medicine, Health Ethics, Disparities in Medicine, Physician Entrepreneurs, Telemedical, Natural Disasters, Maintenance of Certification, Ethics Forum and Legislation Forum.

See you in June in Chicago.

