

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution:
(I-08)

Introduced by: Georgia Delegation
Subject: Medicare Election Period
Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, Medicare permits physicians the option of choosing various levels of participation in Medicare; and

WHEREAS, there is a restricted time period for physicians to apply for a change in status at the end of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Congress acts on the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) payment decision in the middle of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, such an arrangement unfairly discriminates against physicians who want to change their participatory status in response to legislated decisions on Medicare payment schedules; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association establish policy that physicians should be given the option of a Medicare semi-annual participation election period occurring at the end and the middle of the calendar year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association petition the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to permit a semi-annual participation election period occurring at the end and the middle of the calendar year.