AMA Resolution 220 I-13
Delay or Canceling of ICD-10
RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association support delaying or canceling the implementation of ICD-10
(New HOD Policy)
    MAG Resolution 101A.13
    Delay or Canceling the Implementation of ICD-10
    that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) strongly encourages the American Medical Association
    (AMA) to support delaying or canceling the implementation of ICD-10.
Final AMA Action
Original Resolution 220 adopted

AMA Resolution 219 I-13
Drug Enforcement Agency Licensure Fees
RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association work through appropriate channels with the Drug
Enforcement Agency (DEA) to limit licensure fee increases to no more than that of inflation and decrease the
disproportionate amount that physician practitioners have to pay for renewal. (Directive to Take Action)
    MAG Resolution 102A.13
    Drug Enforcement Agency Licensure Fees
    That the Georgia Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates request that
    the AMA work with the Drug Enforcement Agency to limit licensure fee increases to no more than that of
    inflation and decrease the disproportionate amount that physicians have to pay for renewal.
Final AMA Action
Resolution 219 adopted as amended
RESOLVED, That our AMA work through appropriate channels to freeze DEA licensure fees for physicians.
(Directive to Take Action)

AMA Resolution 919 I-13
High Cost of Recertification
RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association request an investigation into the high cost of recertification
and, if such investigation warrants reduction of recertification fee, that our AMA urge/advocate for a reduction by
the ABMS of recertification fees. (Directive to Take Action)
    MAG Resolution 103A.13
    High Cost of Re-Certification
    that the Georgia delegation to American Medical Association (AMA) request an investigation into the high
cost of re-certification and, if such investigation warrants reduction of re-certification fees, urge the AMA
to proceed with the necessary steps to make that happen.
Final AMA Action

AMA Resolution 221 I-13
Eliminating Proposed Penalties for Not Achieving Meaningful Use
RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association seek the termination of the "meaningful use" standards of the
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services from medical practice and that the proposed penalties beginning in 2015
should be eliminated immediately and an effort made to gradually integrate tomorrow's technological advances into
health care in a safer, more efficient manner. (Directive to Take Action)
    MAG Resolution 105A.13
    Elimination of Proposed Penalties for Not Obtaining Meaningful Use
    that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) strongly encourages the American Medical Association
    (AMA) to seek the termination of the "meaningful use" standards of CMS from medical practice and that

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the proposed penalties beginning in 2015 should be eliminated immediately and an effort made to gradually integrate tomorrow’s technological advances into health care in a safer, more efficient manner.

Final AMA Action

**Policy H-478.991 reaffirmed in lieu of Resolutions 214, 221, and 222**

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AMA Resolution 222 I-13
Safety of EHR
RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association advocate for physicians to have the option to choose either EHR or paper charts without penalty (New HOD Policy;) and be it further RESOLVED, that our AMA, through appropriate channels, influence national policy to remove the penalties for not using an EHR system. (Directive to Take Action)

  MAG Resolution 109A.13
  Safety of EHR Records
  that MAG advocate for physicians to have the option to choose either EHR or paper charts without penalty; that the MAG delegation to the AMA work to build a consensus at the AMA House of Delegates to influence national policy to remove the penalties for not using an EHR system.

Final AMA Action

**Policy H-478.991 reaffirmed in lieu of Resolutions 214, 221, and 222**

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AMA Resolution 920 I-13
Telemedicine Licensure
RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association support the continuation of telemedicine licensure by physician states and oppose efforts to change such to federal licensure of telemedicine. (New HOD Policy)

  MAG Resolution 302C.13
  Telemedicine Licensure
  that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) supports the continuation of telemedicine licensure by individual states and opposes efforts to change such to federal licensure of telemedicine; that the Georgia delegation should carry a resolution to the American Medical Association (AMA) opposing efforts to create federal telemedicine licensure.

Final AMA Action

**Policies H-480.969 and D-480.999 reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 920**

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AMA Resolution 815 I-13
Vulnerable Patient Access and Protection
RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association promote access to appropriate care for all patients (NEW HOD Policy); and be it further
RESOLVED, that our AMA promote special access for vulnerable patients if appropriate care cannot be provided within a patient's insurance provider network (New HOD Policy); and be it further
RESOLVED, that our AMA oppose any health care delivery model, public or private, that restricts patient access to physicians adequately experienced in their disease. (New HOD Policy).

  MAG Resolution 312C.13
  Vulnerable Patient Access and Protection

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that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) promotes access to appropriate care for all patients; promotes special access for vulnerable patients if care cannot be provided within a patient’s insurance provider; and rejects any model, public or private, that restricts access to providers adequately experienced in their disease; and brings a policy resolution to the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates supporting the same.

Final AMA Action


Other MAG sponsored Resolutions

MAG Co-sponsored Resolution 223 I-13, Medicare’s Two-Midnight Rule
Congress of Neurological Surgeons, American Association of Neurological Surgeons, American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Alabama, District of Columbia, New Jersey, American Society of General Surgeons, Minnesota, Georgia

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association petition the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to repeal the August 19 rules regarding Hospital Inpatient Admission Order and Certification; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA immediately seek an opinion and guidance from CMS regarding how physicians should demonstrate “medical necessity” to best prevent unnecessary audit recoupment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA reaffirm Section 5 of Policy D-320.991 Creating a Fair and Balanced Medicare and Medicaid RAC Program, which states: “Our AMA, in coordination with other stakeholders such as the American Hospital Association, will seek to influence Congress to eliminate the current RAC system and ask CMS to consolidate its audit systems into a more balanced, transparent, and fair system, which does not increase administrative burdens on physicians.”

Final AMA Action

Resolution 223 adopted as amended by deleting the second resolve.

Submitted from the Organized Medical Staff Section
Supported by MAG
Resolution 226 -- Sustainable Growth Rate Repeal

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association reaffirm Policy D-450.981, Protecting Patients Rights, which states in part that our AMA will “continue to advocate for the repeal of the flawed sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula without compromising our AMA’s principles for pay-for-performance” (Reaffirm HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA reaffirm Policy H-450.947, Pay-for-Performance Principles and Guidelines (Reaffirm HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA support SGR repeal proposals that are coupled with physician payment reforms consistent with the AMA’s Pay-for-Performance Principles and Guidelines (AMA Policy H-450.947) (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
RESOLVED, That our AMA advise Congress that any repeal or reform of SGR should include an option for private contracting by Medicare patients. (Directive to Take Action)

Final AMA Action

Substitute Resolution 226 adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association (AMA) reaffirm AMA policy D-450.981, Protecting Patients Rights, and continue to strongly advocate for the repeal of the flawed sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula and for our AMA’s principles for pay-for-performance (Reaffirm Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA reaffirm AMA policy H-450.947, Pay-for-Performance Principles and Guidelines (Reaffirm Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA support SGR repeal and continue to strongly advocate for the AMA’s Pay-for-Performance Principles and Guidelines (AMA policy H-450.947) (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate with CMS and Congress for alternative payment models, developed in concert with specialty and state medical organizations, including private contracting as an option (Directive to Take Action).

RESOLVED, That our AMA will continue to advocate for future positive updates in the Medicare physician fee schedule.

MAG sponsored
Resolution 604 -- AMA Election Activities

RESOLVED, That AMA Policy G-610.020[6], Election Campaigns, be amended by addition to read as follows: (Modify Current HOD Policy):

(6) A coalition or a state or specialty delegation may finance only one big party at the Annual Meeting irrespective of the number of candidates from the society or coalition. This rule limits a candidate to only one big party at the Annual Meeting whether financed by a coalition or a state or specialty delegation. This rule also limits a state or specialty society or coalition to one big party irrespective of the number of candidates from that society or coalition. At these events, alcohol may be served only on a cash or no-host bar basis. A member of a coalition or section council such as an individual state or medical specialty society, may sponsor a separate party for its candidate(s) only if none of their sponsored candidates are also featured at any coalition or section council’s main event, even if the society otherwise participates in other coalition or section council activities. This will not affect candidate endorsements by societies that are not sponsoring the candidate’s campaign

Final AMA Action
This Resolution 604F was not considered at this year’s Interim Meeting.