

RESOLUTION

Resolution: 106A.20

SUBJECT: Healthcare Marketplace Plan Selection

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REFERRED TO: Reference Committee A

1 Whereas, insurance plans purchased on the Healthcare Marketplace often have very narrow networks; and
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3 Whereas, these narrow networks often require patients to only see physicians within the county in which
4 the plan was purchased; and
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6 Whereas, patients are required to purchase a plan based on the county in which they reside; and
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8 Whereas, some patients must pay for care in cash outside their plan to keep their doctor of choice making
9 their comprehensive plan more of an expensive catastrophic plan; and
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11 Whereas, this limits patient choice by preventing patients from choosing their plan based on access to
12 their physician of choice; now therefore be it
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14 **RESOLVED, that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) work with applicable state regulators**
15 **and legislators to advance needed changes to allow patients to choose their plan on the Healthcare**
16 **Marketplace based either on their primary residence or where their physician practices; and be it**
17 **further**
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19 **RESOLVED, that the MAG delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) present a**
20 **resolution asking for the AMA to advocate for patients to be able to choose their plan on the**
21 **Healthcare Marketplace based either on their primary residence or where their physician practices.**

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AMA Policy

None

MAG Policy

160.983 Freedom of Choice

HD 10/17/2009

MAG recognizes the freedom and right of patients to choose their doctors and the right of doctors to choose their patients, true emergency excepted, should be recognized. MAG also supports the patient's right of freedom of choice of method of payment. MAG is philosophically opposed to federal and state support of any one type of health care delivery system preferentially over another. (Special Report, Appendix III; Reaffirmed 10/2014; 10/2019)

160.990 Freedom of Choice

HD 4/1/1994

MAG supports patients' free choice of their physician, be they generalist or specialist. (Reaffirmed 05/2000; 10/5/2008; 10/20/2013; 10/20/2018)