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## **AMA SUPPORTS AETNA SETTLEMENT WITH NATION'S PHYSICIANS**

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“The American Medical Association (AMA) supports the Aetna settlement as approved by Judge Federico Moreno of the U.S. District Court in Miami. By agreeing to the settlement, Aetna has acknowledged that to mend the breach in its working relationship with physicians, it must implement a fundamental shift in how the company conducts business.

“The settlement initiates meaningful and necessary improvements that represent a positive change in how an industry-leading health insurer does business with physicians. An agreement of this scope represents a progressive development in the push to end the unfair business practices of the managed care industry that have plagued physicians and their patients for years.

“Additional settlements with the remaining defendants must move forward to ensure that these managed care organizations abandon their harmful business practices and deal fairly and openly with patients and the physicians who care for them.

“We commend the leadership, courage and perseverance of the individual physicians and state and county medical associations involved in this settlement agreement and the remaining litigation against additional health insurers. The fact that this lawsuit has advanced to the current stage in the settlement process is proof positive that these physicians and their medical associations have not worked in vain.”

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