

**COUNCIL ON MEDICAL SERVICE  
2009 WORK PLAN (JUNE – NOVEMBER 2009)  
REPORTS TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

<b>REPORT</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>INITIAL DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DRAFT REPORT</b>
1	Emergency Room Contracts and Hospital Privileges	Study emergency room coverage that is mandated by state laws or hospital medical staff bylaws as a requirement for medical staff privileges and state licensure.	Referred Resolution 806 (I-08)	June 2009	August 2009
2	Geographic Variation in Health Care Cost and Utilization	Study the Dartmouth Atlas findings and conclusions. Consider alternative conclusions that may be suggested by the data.	Self-Initiated	January 2009	August 2009
3	Alternative Group Purchasing Arrangements	Study alternatives for group coverage outside of employment, focusing on how to bolster such groups.	Self-Initiated	January 2009	August 2009
4	Accuracy of the Cost Estimates of Health Care Systems	Study the estimates of the health care systems of “comparable developed countries,” with a focus on distinguishing how health care costs are estimated in the various systems.	Adopted Resolution 124 (A-09)	August 2009	August 2009
5	Radiology Benefits Managers	Study the prevalence of forced test substitution and denial of requested imaging services by radiology benefit managers (RBMs) contracted by third-party administrators, as well as replacing RBMs with by utilizing appropriate use criteria (AUC), and report “progress on this issue.”	Adopted as Amended Resolution 231 (A-09)	August 2009	August 2009