

Status - Implementation of Resolutions and Report Recommendations AMA House of Delegates Interim Meeting - November 16-19, 2013

Report/Resolution	Title	House Action	Status
BOT Report 01-I-13	Pharmacist Administration of Immunizations (Resolution 212-I-12)	Referred. (Report Back at A-14)	Board of Trustees Report 13 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Informational)
BOT Report 02-I-13	Definitions of Physician-Led Supervision and Collaboration	Referred with Change in Title. (Report Back at A-14)	Board of Trustees Report 23 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)
BOT Report 03-I-13	A More Uniform Approach to Assessing Patients for Controlled Substances for Pain Relief (Resolution 208-I-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 03 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) assisted an expert panel convened by the American College of Medical Toxicology and the National Association of Medical Examiners to develop evidence-based recommendations for the practice of death investigation and autopsy, Toxicological analysis and interpretation, and death certification to improve the precision of death certificate data available involving opioidanalgesic drugs and for use in public health surveillance. Our AMA is seeking ways to get broader use and implementation of these recommendations. Our AMA also is seeking funding to form an expert panel and develop "Practical Guidance on the Clinical use of Opioids" for practicing physicians.
BOT Report 04-I-13	Designation of Specialty Societies for Representation in the House of Delegates (Board of Trustees Report 11-A-13)	Recommendations in BOT Report 4 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed. (Report Back at A-16)	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2016 Annual Meeting.
BOT Report 05-I-13	Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Candidates (Resolution 606-A-13)	Recommendations in BOT Report 05 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	COI disclosures collected from all candidates and posted in members-only section of AMA website. Online version of Election Manual includes links to disclosures.
BOT Report 06-I-13	Redefining the AMA's Position on ACA and Healthcare Reform	Filed.	Board of Trustees Report 24 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Informational)
BOT Report 07-I-13	National Indian Health Board: Official Observer Status in the House of Delegates	Recommendations in BOT Report 07 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	National Indian Health Board advised of status as official observer and invited to HOD meetings.
BOT Report 08-I-13	Abuse of CRT Descriptors Related to Surgery (Resolution 601-I-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 08 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 09-I-13	Public Health and Primary Prevention in AMA's Strategic Plan	Filed.	For Information.
BOT Report 11-I-13	Specialty Society Representation in the House of Delegates - Five-Year Review	Recommendations in BOT Report 11 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Societies notified of status and provided with delegate information for A-14.
CCB Report 01-I-13	Online Member Forums and Compatibility with AMA Bylaws	Recommendation in CCB Report 1 Adopted, Remainder of the Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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CCB Report 02-I-13	AMA Women Physicians Section - Additional Bylaws	Recommendations in CCB Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Bylaws Updated.
CEJA Opinion 01-I-13	Amendment to E-5.055, "Confidential Care for Minors"	Filed.	
CEJA Report 01-I-13	Physician Exercise of Conscience	Referred.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
CEJA Report 02-I-13	Amendment to E-8.061, "Gifts to Physicians from Industry"	Recommendations in CEJA Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Opinion 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Informational)
CEJA Report 04-I-13	Ethically Sound Innovation in Medical Practice	Referred.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
CEJA Report 05-I-13	Professionalism in Health Care Systems	Recommendations in CEJA Report 05 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Opinion 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Informational)
CLRPD Report 01-I-13	Establishment of New Sections: Modification of Existing Policy and Bylaws	Recommendation in CLRPD Report 1 Adopted, Remainder of the Report Filed.	Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 1-A-14 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
CME Report 01-I-13	Update on Expanding Access to Clinical Training Sites for Medical Students	Recommendations in CME Report 01 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 01-I-13	Payment Mechanisms for Physician-Led Team-Based Health Care	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title. (Report Back by I-15)	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2015 Interim Meeting. Our AMA Physician Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability group has engaged Rand Research in 2014 to study the effects of new value-based payment models on physician practices varying in size, specialty, region and market dynamics, including any activity on payment mechanisms for team-based health care. The study, once completed at the end of 2014 will inform AMA activities going forward.
CMS Report 03-I-13	Hospital-Based Physicians and the Value Based Payment Modifier (Resolution 813-I-12)	Recommendations in CMS Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 04-I-13	Use of Integrated Electronic Patient Care Reports for Prehospital Providers (Resolution 802-I-12)	Recommendations in CMS Report 04 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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CMS Report 06-I-13	The Corporate Practice of Medicine	Recommendations in CMS Report 06 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 07-I-13	Strengthening Medicare Through Competitive Bidding	Recommendations in CMS Report 07 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 08-I-13	Long-Term Care Residents with Criminal Backgrounds	Recommendations in CMS Report 08 Adopted as Amended with Change in Title, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
Committee on Rules and	Committee on Rules and Credentials Report 1 - Policy on Campaign Announcements	Committee on Rules and Credentials Report 1 Adopted as Substituted and the Remainder of the Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated. Medical societies and members of the HOD notified of the new rules regarding campaign announcements.
CSAPH Report 01-I-13	Inclusion of Supplement Purchases in Nutritional Assistance Programs (Resolution 905-I-12)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 01 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 02-I-13	A Contemporary View of National Drug Control Policy (Resolutions 520-A-11, 511-A-12 , and 512-A-13)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 001-I-13	Tubal Ligation and Vasectomy Consents	Adopted as Amended. (Report Back at A-14)	Board of Trustees Report 17 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Informational)
RES 002-I-13	Right of Conscience	Policy H-225.950 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 002.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 003-I-13	Hospital Mergers and Reproductive Health Care	Substitute Resolution 003 Adopted.	Communicated with all state and national medical specialty societies that our AMA Advocacy Resource Center is prepared to work with them and/or other interested stakeholders at the state level to ensure – through appropriate state oversight agencies, that where hospital mergers and acquisitions may lead to restrictions on reproductive health care services – the merging entity shall be responsible for ensuring continuing community access to these services.
RES 004-I-13	Reproductive Parity	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 005-I-13	Opposition to Restrictions on Physician/Patient Free Speech	Policies H-373.995 and H-5.989 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 005.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 006-I-13	Restrictions on Marketing in Hospitals and Medical Centers	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 27 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
RES 201-I-13	Repeal of McCarran-Ferguson Act	Not Adopted.	

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RES 202-I-13	Decreasing Medicare Payment Recovery Period	Policy H-70.926 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 202.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 203-I-13	Nationwide Prohibition of the Sale of Tobacco Products in Businesses That Provide Health Care and Health Care-Related Services	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 204-I-13	Improving the Affordable Care Act	Referred. (Report Back at A-14)	Council on Medical Service Report 9 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)
RES 205-I-13	Alleviating the Financial Burdens Associated with ICD-10 Implementation	Adopted.	Our AMA has continuously pressed for more assistance for physicians in meeting ICD-10 and has made a point of highlighting the extensive costs of complying with this unfunded mandate. Our AMA, in fact, funded a report written by Nachimson and Advisors focused on the costs of meeting ICD-10. As a result of our advocacy, ICD-10 was delayed another year. Our AMA has repeatedly petitioned CMS via formal letter and in direct communications that ICD-10 represents a financial burden to physicians and that funding and other mitigating factors should be available to help offset these costs. Congress enacted a one-year delay to the implementation deadline, providing physicians with additional time before adopting the new code set.
RES 206-I-13	FDA to Extend Regulatory Jurisdiction Over All Non-Pharmaceutical Nicotine and Tobacco Products	Adopted with Change in Title.	Using their deeming authority, the FDA released a draft proposal rule that would extend regulatory jurisdiction over products that meet the statutory definition of a tobacco product, including currently unregulated marketed products, such as electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), cigars, pipe tobacco, nicotine gels, waterpipe (or hookah) tobacco, and other dissolvables not already under the FDA's authority. The FDA currently regulates cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and smokeless tobacco. Our AMA will submit formal comment on the proposed rule.
RES 210-I-13	Support Fee for Service as the Most Appropriate Way to Reimburse Physicians	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 211-I-13	Patient's Choice of Management of End of Life Care	Policy H-140.966 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 211.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 212-I-13	Physician-Led Single and Multi-Specialty, Organized Group Practice Models	Substitute Resolution 212 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 213-I-13	AMA Advocate for the Physician-Led, Multi-Specialty, Organized, Group Practice Model as a Viable Option for Practice Selection Coincident with SGR Reform	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 214-I-13	Meaningful Use No Longer Meaningful	Policy H-478.991 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolutions 214, 221 and 222.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 215-I-13	National HIE and EHR Usability and Interoperability	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 216-I-13	Payment of Penalties and Interest to Physicians for RAC Audits	Adopted.	Our AMA has repeatedly petitioned CMS via formal letter and in direct communications to apply penalties and interest on RACs for erroneous overpayment determinations, and is continuing this strong advocacy. While several legislative proposals have been introduced that increase the scrutiny of RACS, none at this time has required penalties to be paid by the contractor.
RES 217-I-13	Primary Care Physician Supply	Substitute Resolution 217 Adopted.	Communicated with all state and national medical specialty societies that the AMA Advocacy Resource Center is prepared to work with them and/or other interested stakeholders at the state level to gather and disseminate data regarding the primary care physician supply.
RES 218-I-13	FDA Regulation of Off-Label Drug Promotion	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Interim Meeting.
RES 219-I-13	Drug Enforcement Agency Licensure Fees	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA sent a letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration urging that physician fees to register and reregister to prescribe controlled substances be frozen at their 2012 levels (the last time they were increased) and that there be no subsequent increases in these fees. The letter noted that Medicare payment rates have fallen far behind inflation and physicians cannot recoup the costs of regulatory compliance, including the high costs estimated by the DEA to be associated with adoption of e-prescribing for controlled substances.
RES 220-I-13	Delay or Canceling of ICD-10	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 221-I-13	Eliminating Proposed Penalties for Not Achieving Meaningful Use	Policy H-478.991 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolutions 214, 221 and 222.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 222-I-13	Safety of EHR	Policy H-478.991 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolutions 214, 221 and 222.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 223-I-13	Medicare's Two Midnight Rule	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA has repeatedly petitioned CMS via formal letter and direct communications to repeal the two midnight rule for inpatient admissions, and will continue this strong advocacy in its comments to CMS on the 2014 Inpatient Prospective Payment proposed rule. Implementation of the two midnight rule has been postponed until at least March 2015 due to Congressional action.
RES 225-I-13	Maintenance Payments for Electronic Health Records	Adopted.	Our AMA has been working hard to highlight the burdensome nature of the Medicare/Medicaid EHR Meaningful Use program that requires physicians to purchase EHRs and costly additional features in order to meet the program requirements and for Medicare physicians to avert financial penalties. Our AMA will continue to highlight the point that adding further mandates without considering the cost impacts on physicians could prove to be financially disastrous for physicians.
RES 226-I-13	Sustainable Growth Rate Repeal	Substitute Resolution 226 Adopted as Amended.	Comprehensive SGR repeal legislation was reported unanimously by all three committees of jurisdiction. The bill failed to advance over disagreements on budgetary offsets. Several improvements to pay-for-performance programs were included consistent with our AMA principles. Considerable latitude for the development of alternative payment models was also included, as was a period of positive updates. Efforts to advance the legislation will continue.

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RES 227-I-13	Hospital Inpatient Admission Order and Certification	Resolved #2 - Referred for Decision. Resolved #1 & 3 - Adopted.	<p data-bbox="1255 164 1953 612">At the 2013 Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates, our AMA adopted the first and third resolved of Resolution 227 to support rescission of the requirement that a physician certify the estimated time the patient will need to remain in the hospital as a condition of payment for inpatient services, and to inform CMS as soon as possible of the AMA's policy calling for the rescission of the requirement that a physician certify the estimated time the patient will need to remain in the hospital, and take appropriate action to enact this policy (H-160.907). Our AMA also adopted policy to continue its strong advocacy to repeal the two-midnight benchmark policy for Medicare inpatient admissions (D-160.932). The AMA has aggressively implemented the directives of D-160.932 and H-160.907 through a multi-pronged advocacy strategy. Our AMA is continuing its strong advocacy that the two-midnight policy should be repealed and the requirement that a physician certify the estimated time the patient will need to remain in the hospital should be rescinded.</p> <p data-bbox="1255 646 1953 1344">The Board considered a management report on the second resolved of Resolution 227 which was referred for decision by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Resolution 227 was sponsored by the Organized Medical Staff Section. The second resolved of Resolution 227, as referred, would create AMA policy that upon admission of any patient to a hospital for inpatient services, the admitting/attending physician should be furnished by the hospital with appropriate information – for example the Geometric Mean Length of Stay (GMLOS) – to help the physician plan appropriately for the services that will be required to care for that particular patient. While the intent of this resolution is generally consistent with existing AMA policy and advocacy, the requirement that the hospital furnish such information may have unintended consequences. Such a requirement for hospitals may lead to greater emphasis on information such as GMLOS by hospital administrators and utilization review committees, to the detriment of physician decision-making and individual patients who differ from the norm. In addition, by advocating for an additional requirement for hospitals, the AMA may undermine a key advocacy ally on these issues. A requirement that hospitals furnish information to guide physician decision-making may also lead to unwanted paperwork burdens for admitting physicians. Finally, in regard to GMLOS, it is of note that this information is currently available to physicians on the CMS webpage. In order to address the issues outlined above, it may be more useful for this information to be accessible for physicians.</p> <p data-bbox="1255 1377 1953 1424">The Board VOTED to adopt the second resolved of Resolution 227 as amended to read as follows:</p>

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			RESOLVED, That our AMA adopt as policy that upon admission of any patient to a hospital for inpatient services, the admitting/attending physician should have access to appropriate information – for example the Geometric Mean Length of Stay (GMLOS) – to help the physician plan appropriately for the services that will be required to care for that particular patient. (New HOD Policy)
RES 228-I-13	EHR Stark Exemption	Policy 478.994 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 228.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 601-I-13	Regulations in Times of Armed Conflict	Policy H-520.998 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 601.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 605-I-13	Criminalization of Errors in Medical Documentation	Policy H-160.954 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 605.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 801-I-13	Privacy Issues for Minors Regarding Insurance Company Explanation of Benefits	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Interim Meeting.
RES 802-I-13	Updating AMA HOD Policy on Requirements for and Prescription of Durable Medical Equipment	Policies H-330.945 and H-330.995 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 802.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 803-I-13	Electronic Payment and Record Access	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 804-I-13	Reimbursement for Eating Disorders	Policies H-185.974, H-345.981 and D-345.997 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 804.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 805-I-13	Physician Satisfaction	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA Physician Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability group is establishing tools to enhance physician satisfaction to address areas identified in the 2013 AMA-Rand Report on physician professional satisfaction, in the areas of clinical practice improvements, electronic health record physician usability and adoption of new payment and delivery models. As part of this work, our AMA is developing metrics to continue to measure physician's satisfaction in these priority areas. Our AMA Physician Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability group has engaged Rand Research in 2014 to study the effects of new value-based payment models on physician practices varying in size, specialty, region and market dynamics, including any activity on payment mechanisms for team-based health care. The study, once completed at the end of 2014 will inform AMA activities going forward. AMA is developing practice-level solutions that, when applied collectively, will help enhance the practice of medicine for physicians and enable informed decision-making about their practice environments. These solutions include the development of clinical operation modules for practices to implement improvements in their practices.
RES 806-I-13	Improving the HCAHPS Rating System	Substitute Resolution 806 Adopted.	Our AMA is addressing needed modifications to the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) scoring system so that it reflects the full range of rating options available to patients in comments on the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) proposed rule for 2015.
RES 807-I-13	Role of Critical Access Hospitals	Policy H-465.990 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 807.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 808-I-13	Reference Pricing	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Interim Meeting.
RES 809-I-13	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Proposed Change Circumvents the AMA/Specialty Society RVS Update Committee Process	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 810-I-13	Medicare Economic Index Inaccuracy	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 811-I-13	Review of Self-Administered Drug List Alterations Under Medicare Part B	Adopted.	In comments on the 2015 Medicare physician payment schedule proposed rule, our AMA is urging CMS to require that any alterations to Self-Administered Drug lists made by Medicare Administrative Contractors be subject to Carrier Advisory Committee review and advice.

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RES 812-I-13	Health Exchange Benefit Designs and Tax Deductibility of Out-of-Pocket Expenses	Policies H-165.846 and H-165.839 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 812.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 813-I-13	Health Insurance Exchange and 90-Day Grace Period	Substitute Resolution 813 Adopted.	Our AMA has developed model legislation pertaining to the patient grace period for medical society advocacy on state exchange implementation. This model legislation has been used successfully in Washington State and several other states have legislation pending. Our AMA also developed an Affordable Care Act grace period toolkit available at: www.ama-assn.org/go/graceperiod . Among the resources included in the toolkit is a Medical practice checklist for 2014 ACA exchange implementation that was developed jointly by our AMA and the Medical Group Management Association.
RES 814-I-13	Retro-Authorization for Tests / Procedures	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 815-I-13	Vulnerable Patient Access and Protection	Policies H-373.999, H-285.911, D-165.989, D-285.972 and H-160.952 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 815.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 816-I-13	Inappropriate Interference with Hospital Admissions by Patient Management Contractors	Adopted.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Interim Meeting.
RES 817-I-13	Random Drug Screening	Adopted.	The AMA Office of General Counsel and staff from the Organized Medical Staff Section are working with external counsel to develop the requested model bylaws language.
RES 818-I-13	Claims Based Data as a Flawed Quality of Care Measure	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA Physician Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability group has continued to stress in its ongoing discussions with insurers, health systems, and other stakeholders that claims or administrative data cannot be the sole determinant of quality of care rendered for physician payment. AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 819-I-13	Health Insurance Cancellations	<p>Amendment J-9 Referred for Decision by 12/15/13.</p> <p>Substitute Resolution 819 Adopted as Amended.</p>	<p>Amendment J-9 was originally intended to amend Resolution 813, Health Insurance Exchange and 90 Day Grace Period. However, the amendment was not offered during consideration of Resolution 813. After a motion to reconsider the vote on Resolution 813 failed, the sponsor offered Amendment J-9 during consideration of the next item of business, Resolution 819, which also happened to be related to Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation. Introduced by the Texas delegation, Amendment J-9 asked that: 1) Our AMA develop a whitepaper/guide for AMA members that clearly delineates the responsibilities and options for our members for those patients who are in the vulnerable 31 to 90 day grace period for policies covered under marketplace options under the ACA. The whitepaper would address: a) possible mechanism for physicians to verify whether a patient is in fact in the grace period as well as confirm the number of days at the time of the request; b) contract compliance implications and remedial strategies as to issues that include, but are not limited to, timely access, deferral of care until the patient has binding coverage under their ACA contract, and abandonment; and c) other remedial strategies such as reinsurance for delinquent premium payments provided by the state exchange. And, 2) Our AMA make available the whitepaper/guide for AMA members no later than December 15, 2013.</p> <p>The Executive Committee considered a management report in response to the House of Delegates referral for decision with a report back, by December 15, of Amendment J-9. The Executive Committee also considered an informational Board report on this subject to be posted on the AMA HOD website which conveys the action of the Board on this item of business.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board, voted that in lieu of Amendment J-9 to Resolution 819-I-13, a toolkit be developed to serve as a resource for physicians caring for patients who have entered the grace period for nonpayment of premiums for coverage purchased through health insurance exchanges (with the assistance of premium tax credits). The toolkit would include, but not be limited to: (a) model state legislation; (b) model contract language and/or a document outlining the rights of physicians caring for patients during the grace period; and (c) a document outlining best practices for electronic notifications to alert physicians and other providers concerning patient grace period status. The Executive Committee also voted to approve the informational Board report that was subsequently posted to the AMA HOD website on this subject.</p>

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RES 821-I-13	Qualifications, Selection, and Role of Hospital Medical Directors and Others Providing Medical Management Services	Referred. (Report Back at A-14)	Board of Trustees Report 28 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
RES 822-I-13	Prepayment Review by Third Party Payers	Adopted.	This issue was addressed by existing model state legislation on prompt payment and prior authorization, as well as a new model state bill under development and review by the Council on Legislation on audits that will include provisions that address prepayment review.
RES 902-I-13	Medical Ethics Guidelines for Undergraduate Medical Education	Policy H-295.961 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 902.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 903-I-13	Firearm Safety Counseling in Physician-Led Health Care Teams	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 904-I-13	Evaluation of Standardized Clinical Skills Exams	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA Council on Medical Education met with representatives of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) and Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) on March 23, 2014 to discuss the 2013 changes to the United States Medical Licensure Examine (USMLE) Step II Clinical Skills (CS) examination. The NBME, FSMB and Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) indicated that they will continue to enhance the value of the Step 2 CS examination. Changes to the exam and to the standards for passing reflect changes in medical education, the practice of medicine, assessment science and public expectations. The NBME and FSMB also indicated commitments to making information available to every medical school about student performance spring 2014 and making feedback available to individual students by year end. The Council will monitor to verify that these actions are carried out. The House action was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 905-I-13	Athlete Concussion Management and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Prevention	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 906-I-13	Exploring the Feasibility of Clinic-Based Residency Programs.	Substitute Resolution 906 Adopted.	The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 907-I-13	Modern Chemical Controls Policy	Policy D-135.976 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 907.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 908-I-13	Hydraulic Fracturing	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 911-I-13	Promoting Health Awareness and Preventative Screenings in Individuals with Disabilities	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 912-I-13	Crisis in Medication Shortages	Policy H-100.956 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 912.	Council on Science and Public Health Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee E)
RES 913-I-13	Pre Medical School Shadowing	Referred.	Council on Medical Education Report 8 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 914-I-13	Change Rural and Off Site Rural Training Track Requirements in Order to Preserve and Encourage Interest in Rural Residency Programs	Referred.	Council on Medical Education Report 7 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 915-I-13	Joint Commission Accreditation Standard for Pain Assessment	Substitute Resolution 915 Adopted.	In February, our AMA sent a letter notifying The Joint Commission of the House of Delegates' action and thanking the organization for having undertaken the task of reviewing and updating its pain-related accreditation standards using the best available evidence to address the growing crisis of opioid misuse.
RES 916-I-13	Support Stricter OSHA Silica Permissible Exposure Limit Standard	Adopted.	Our AMA sent a letter to the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration supporting the proposed rule to establish a stricter standard for exposure for respirable crystalline silica as well as encourage assessment and medical surveillance to identify adverse health consequences for exposed populations.
RES 917-I-13	Culturally, Linguistically, Competent Mental Health Care and Outreach for At-Risk Communities	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 918-I-13	HIV Screening, Continuum of Care and Maintenance of Funding	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 919-I-13	High Cost of Recertification	Policies D-275.971, D-275.969, H-275.923 and H-275.924 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 919.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 920-I-13	Telemedicine Licensure	Policies H-480.969 and D-480.999 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 920.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 921-I-13	Gun Violence	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA staff has been in discussions with Rep. Carolyn Maloney's office in support of legislation which would provide funding for research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on firearm safety and gun violence prevention. Introduction of the bill is pending.

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RES 922-I-13	Examining the Changing Nature of US Medical Residencies	Adopted. (Report Back at A-14)	Council on Medical Education Report 7 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 923-I-13	CMS Definition of "Resident Physician"	Referred. (Report Back at A-14)	Board of Trustees Report 25 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)

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BOT Report 01-A-13	Auditor's Report	Recommendations in BOT Report 01 Filed.	Filed.
BOT Report 02-A-13	AMA 2014 Dues	Recommendations in BOT Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA's 2014 dues have been implemented and no further action is required. No additional activity to report.
BOT Report 03-A-13	Physician Insurers Association of America: Official Observer Status in the House of Delegates	Recommendations in BOT Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Physician Insurers Association of America was notified of status as a new Official Observer and provided with information on the next House of Delegates meeting. No further action required.
BOT Report 04-A-13	Clear and Convincing Evidence (Resolution 207-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 04 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to continuing to work with interested states and specialties on legislation adopting the clear and convincing evidence standard. No further action required.
BOT Report 05-A-13	Physician Practice Drift	Recommendations in BOT Report 05 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to continuing to work with interested states and specialties to advance truth-in-advertising legislation and will continue to monitor legislation related to physician practice drift. No further action required.
BOT Report 06-A-13	New Specialty Organization Representation in the House of Delegates	Recommendations in BOT Report 06 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The American Society of Echocardiography and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association were both notified of House action and added to the regular House of Delegates communication channels. No further action required.
BOT Report 08-A-13	Virtual Reference Committees in the House of Delegates	Recommendations in BOT Report 08 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F) HOD Action: Recommendation in CCB Report 1 Adopted, Remainder of the Report Filed.

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BOT Report 09-A-13	Pain Management and the Hospital Value Based Purchasing Program (Resolution 708-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 09 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA has repeatedly voiced concerns with Administration officials regarding the complexities surrounding certain reporting requirements in the Hospital Value Based Purchasing Program and the epidemic of opioid overuse. Specifically, we have told senior CMS and FDA officials that the reporting of pain management measures in the program may lead some hospitals to inappropriately pressure physicians to overprescribe pain medications. Thus, our AMA has urged the Agency to reassess the appropriate use of such measures in the Program. No further action required.
BOT Report 10-A-13	Preventing Deaths and Injuries from Distracted Walking	Recommendations in BOT Report 10 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 11-A-13	Designation of Specialty Societies for Representation in the House of Delegates	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 04 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed. (Report Back at A-16)
BOT Report 12-A-13	Separate Palliative Deaths from the Mortality Statistics (Resolution 225-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 12 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 225-A-12, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA continues to advocate to CMS for the inclusion of better risk-adjustment methodologies and measure design with their mortality measures. Our AMA's 2014 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) proposed rule comments included concerns with the construct of CMS' mortality measures. During NQF's review of various mortality measures, we also have expressed concern, and we continue to monitor the development of mortality measures. No further action required.
BOT Report 13-A-13	Medicare/Medicaid Coverage of Multi-Use Technology Platforms (Resolution 707-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 13 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 14-A-13	Direct-to-Consumer Advertising of Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies (Resolution 505-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 14 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA communicated with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) concerning options available to pursue regulation requiring direct-to-consumer advertising and any other media to accurately and meaningfully disclose the requirements for receipt of durable medical equipment and other medical supplies. No further action required.
BOT Report 15-A-13	Equal Access to Organ Transplantation for Medicaid Beneficiaries (Resolution 1-I-11)	Recommendations in BOT Report 15 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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BOT Report 16-A-13	Invasive Procedures (Resolution 218-I-11)	Recommendations in BOT Report 16 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA will continue to monitor policy and legislative developments related to invasive procedures and advocate as needed on this topic. No further action required.
BOT Report 17-A-13	Data Ownership and Access to Clinical Data in Health Information Exchanges	Recommendations in BOT Report 17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 18-A-13	Annual Update on Activities and Progress in Tobacco Control: March 2012 Through February 2013	Filed.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Informational)
BOT Report 20-A-13	Physicians' Response to Victims of Human Trafficking (Resolutions 4 and 8-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT 20 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 21-A-13	Exam Room Computing & Patient-Physician Interactions (Resolution 701-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 21 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Through the Strategic Initiative on Physician Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability the AMA is developing and distributing to physicians modules and resources for effectively use EHRs in the patient-physician interaction. Convened an EHR Advisory Committee made up of industry experts to advise our AMA on its work to advance the strategic goal of improving the functionality and work flow of EHRs for physicians and improving the use and safety of these important tools in care delivery. This committee will identify major issues and identify actionable solutions. Establishing partnerships/connections with outside vendor partners to enhance the usability of electronic health records, thereby increasing professional satisfaction. Have had regular meetings with the EHR vendor association. Developing practice-level solutions regarding EHRs that will enable informed decision-making about purchasing an EHR, optimizing implementation of an EHR, and helping physicians get the most out of their current EHRs. These solutions will be made available by end of 2014.
BOT Report 22-A-13	Professionalism in Telemedicine & Telehealth (Resolution 711-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 22 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	A Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report on Recommendation 3 will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. AMA Policy Database Updated. Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Informational)

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BOT Report 23-A-13	Innovation to Improve Usability and Decrease Costs of Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems for Physicians	Recommendations in BOT Report 23 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA has taken the lead with the administration in highlighting a variety of concerns physicians have expressed over how well EHRs are working to accommodate physicians' workflow. We continue to push ONC on the need to have systems that work well for physicians – whether they are open source or proprietary. Our AMA testified before the ONC federal advisory committee workgroup on EHR issues, and our AMA sent a joint letter to the administration with AHA about the challenges physicians are facing with the usability of certified EHRs. No further action required.
BOT Report 24-A-13	Cost and Benefit Analysis for Electronic Health Record Implementation and Understanding the Pitfalls of EHRs and Providing Strategies for Success (Resolutions 722 and 725-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 24 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Interim Meeting.
BOT Report 25-A-13	Evaluation of ICD-11 as a New Diagnostic Coding System	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 15 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Informational)
BOT Report 26-A-13	Security of Telemedicine Communication	Recommendations in BOT Report 26 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA met with several organizations including the American Telemedicine Association (ATA), Federation of State Medical Boards, Center for Telehealth and eHealth Law (cTeL) and other experts in the field of telemedicine and are in the process of formulating an approach to address this issue. Our AMA has surveyed state medical associations concerning their interest and engagement in the area of telemedicine-engagement remains ongoing; surveyed national specialty societies on telemedicine policies and development of clinical practice guidelines; subsequently met early adopter specialties Derms and APA to obtain in-depth understanding of innovative approaches to deploying new technologies including platforms that increase access, develop evidence base, and can facilitate and support clinical practice guideline development; hosted national specialty meeting on telemedicine to support their engagement in advocacy as well as interest in expanding telemedicine evidence base and leading the development of clinical practice guidelines; participated in a CTeL executive roundtable on telemedicine issues outlining areas of interest and role of specialties in developing clinical practice guidelines; provided comments on telemedicine to the Federal Trade Commission; submitted a statement for the record on Telemedicine to the Energy and Commerce Committee Health Subcommittee hearing: "Telehealth to Digital Medicine: How 21st Century Technology Can Benefit Patients"; and continues to engage with the Federation of State Medical Boards concerning telehealth.

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BOT Report 27-A-13	Work-Related Abuses of IMG Physicians Working Under the Conrad-30 Program (Resolution 222-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 27 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 222-A-12, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>A bipartisan immigration bill passed the Senate on June 27th that includes several, AMA-secured employment protections for physicians working under the Conrad 30 program. On June 27th, the House Judiciary Committee advanced a bill, that as a result of AMA advocacy efforts, includes the same employment protections for physicians. Our AMA will continue to advocate for such protections in any final immigration reform legislation.</p> <p>The International Medical Graduates Section (IMGS) continues to promote on its web site its educational resources to international medical graduates on J-1 visa waivers. While the IMGS has not received recent e-mails or letters regarding work-related abuses of international medical graduate physicians working under the Conrad-30 program, the IMGS is prepared to provide the appropriate information, resources, and referrals to state medical societies to these physicians.</p> <p>No additional activity to report.</p>
BOT Report 28-A-13	Council on Legislation Sunset Review of 2003 House Policies	Recommendations in BOT Report 28 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 29-A-13	Employment Status and Eligibility for Election or Appointment to Medical Staff Leadership Positions (Resolution 1-I-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 29 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>Revisions to relevant AMA publications (Physician's Guide to Medical Staff Organization Bylaws and Conflict of Interest Guidelines for Organized Medical Staffs) are underway and will include the insertion of provisions supporting the principles.</p> <p>No additional activity to report.</p>
BOT Report 30-A-13	Future of the Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates	Not Adopted.	
BOT Report 32-A-13	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Non-Discrimination Language	Filed.	For Information.
BOT Report 33-A-13	Specialty Society Representation in the House of Delegates - Five-Year Review	Recommendations in BOT Report 33 Adopted, remainder of Report Filed.	<p>AMA Policy Database Updated and societies notified of the House action.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>
CCB Report 02-A-13	AMA Senior Physicians Section - Additional Bylaws	Recommendations in CCB Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Bylaws Updated.

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CCB Report 03-A-13	Creation of an AMA Women Physicians Section	Adopted.	Working with the Council on Constitution and Bylaws, the Women Physicians Section (WPS) drafted its Internal Operating Procedures, which were approved at the September 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting. Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws) HOD Action: Recommendations in CCB Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
CCB-CLRPD Report 01	AMA Policy Directives which are Obsolete, Duplicative or Accomplished	Recommendations in CCB-CLRPD Report 01 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CCB-CLRPD Report 02	Governance Policy Consolidation: Lodging, Meeting Venues and Social Functions	Recommendations in CCB-CLRPD Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CCB-CLRPD Report 03	CCB/CLRPD Sunset Review of 2003 House Policies	Recommendations in CCB-CLRPD Report 03 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CCB-CLRPD Report 04	AMA Policies on Women Physicians for Sunset and Consolidation	Recommendations in CCB-CLRPD Report 04 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CEJA Opinion 01-A-13	Amendment to E-9.011, "Continuing Medical Education"	Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CEJA Report 01-A-13	Physician Exercise of Conscience	Referred.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws) HOD Action: Referred.
CEJA Report 02-A-13	Amendment to E-8.061, "Gifts to Physicians from Industry"	Referred.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws) HOD Action: Recommendations in CEJA Report 02-I-13 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.

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CEJA Report 03-A-13	Amendment to E-5.055, "Confidential Care for Minors" (Resolution 1-A-12)	Recommendations in CEJA Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CEJA Report 04-A-13	CEJA's Sunset Review of 2003 House Policies	Recommendations in CEJA Report 04 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CLRPD Report 01-A-13	Proposal for a Women Physicians Section	Recommendations in CLRPD Report 01 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	CCB Report 3-A-13 accomplished this action.
CME Report 02-A-13	Council on Medical Education Sunset Review of 2003 House Policies	Recommendations in CME Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CME Report 03-A-13	Implementation of Accreditation Standards Related to Medical School Diversity	Recommendations in CME Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CME Report 04-A-13	An Update on Maintenance of Certification, Osteopathic Continuous Certification, and Maintenance of Licensure (Resolution 917-I-12)	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 and 2015 Annual Meetings. Council on Medical Education Report 6 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
CME Report 05-A-13	Physician Workforce Shortage, Going Forward with Reforming GME Financing (Resolutions 317 and 329-A-12)	Recommendations in CME Report 05 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 7 on this subject appears in the House of Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
CME Report 06-A-13	Curricula for Pain Education (Resolution 325-A-12)	Recommendations in CME Report 06 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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CME Report 07-A-13	Retention and Availability of Continuing Medical Education Participation Records (Resolution 327-A-12)	Recommendations in CME Report 07 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. No further action required.
CME Report 08-A-13	The Changing Training Environment: Access to Procedural Training for Residents and Fellows (Resolution 328-A-12)	Recommendations in CME Report 08 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. No further action required.
CME Report 09-A-13	Student Mistreatment	Recommendations in CME Report 09 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Association of American Medical Colleges, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, AMA Learning Environment Study Group and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. No further action required.
CMS Report 01-A-13	Worksite Health Clinics	Recommendations in Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 2 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 02-A-13	Value-Based Insurance Design	Recommendations in CMS Report 02 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 03-A-13	Payment Variations Across Outpatient Sites of Service (Resolution 118 and Substitute Resolution 112-A-12)	Recommendations in CMS Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated. Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working with the states to advocate that third party payers be required to (1) assess equal or lower facility coinsurance for lower-cost sites of service (hospital outpatient department, ambulatory surgical center, or office-based facility); (2) publish and routinely update pertinent information related to patient cost-sharing; and (3) allow their plan's participating physicians to perform outpatient procedures at an appropriate site of service as chosen by the physician and the patient. No further action required.
CMS Report 04-A-13	Council on Medical Service Sunset Review of 2003 AMA House Policies	Recommendations in CMS Report 04 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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CMS Report 05-A-13	Delivery of Care and Financing Reform for Medicare and Medicaid Dually Eligible Beneficiaries	Recommendations in CMS Report 05 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 06-A-13	Delivery Reform	Recommendations in CMS Report 06 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 01-A-13	CSAPH Sunset Review of 2003 House Policies	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 01 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 02-A-13	Nanotechnology Safety and Regulation (Resolution 512-A-12)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 03-A-13	Is Obesity a Disease? (Resolution 115-A-12)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 04-A-13	Safety of X-Ray Security Scanners (Resolutions 516 and 518-A-11)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 04 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 05-A-13	Health Effects of the Gulf Oil Spill	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 05 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 06-A-13	Electronic Games and Health Promotion	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 06 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 07-A-13	Genetic Discrimination and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act	Recommendations CSAPH Report 07 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 511, Remainder of Report Filed.	After discussions with key proponents of genetic nondiscrimination in Congress, there does not appear to be an appetite to address other forms of insurance. They were explicitly excluded during GINA development and will not be revisited at this time. No further action required.

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CSAPH Report 08-A-13	National Drug Shortages: Update	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 08 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 508, 510 and 517, Remainder of Report Filed. Referred - Recommendation #8.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handboos for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee E)
CSAPH Report 09-A-13	Pharmacy Compounding	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 09 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 001-A-13	Discrimination Against Patients by Medical Students	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 002-A-13	Investigating the Possibility of a Unified Living Donor Kidney Registry	Referred for Decision.	The Board considered a report in response to Resolution 2-A-13 which asked that our AMA support the study of how to develop a unified, nationwide living kidney donor registry and advocate for public and private funding of such to reach the long-term goal of establishing a unified registry. The Board VOTED to adopt the following in lieu of Resolution 002-A-13: That our AMA: (1) encourage the continued expansion of the United Network for Organ Sharing's (UNOS) Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) program which provides a national registry of living donors, carries out ongoing data collection on key issues of concern in transplantation from living donors, and through its operational guidelines provides consistent, national standards for the transplant community; and (2) encourage voluntary coordination among private donor registries and UNOS to enhance the availability of organs for transplantation.
RES 003-A-13	Organ Donation Education in Driver Training Programs	Policy H-370.984 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 3.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 004-A-13	Conforming Birth Certificate Policies to Current Medical Standards for Transgender Patients	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 005-A-13	Conforming Birth Certificate Policies to Current Medical Standards for Transgender Patients	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 26 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
RES 006-A-13	Maintaining Public Safety and Trust in Medicine	Reaffirm Policy H-175.992 in Lieu of Resolution 6.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 007-A-13	Residents' Rights to Make Potentially Unsafe Choices in Long-Term Care	Reaffirm Opinion E-8.08 in Lieu of Resolution 7.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 008-A-13	Physicians and Physicians-in-Training as Examples for Their Patients to Promote Wellness and Healthy Lifestyles	Adopted as Amended.	The House action was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. Our AMA is developing opportunities to promote physician wellness and healthy lifestyles at the Annual Meeting. Our AMA is creating a recognition program for those physicians who participate in AMA's clinical-community linkages pilot for the Diabetes Prevention Program, which contributes to the wellness of patients. Our AMA is repositioning the Doctors Back to School (DBTS) program to include a health and wellness component, with particular focus on hypertension and diabetes prevention.
RES 009-A-13	Restrictive Covenants	Referred.	A Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. ((Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
RES 101-A-13	Affordable Access for Low Income Individuals	Policies H-165.855, D-165.955 and H-165.848 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 101.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 102-A-13	Patient Satisfaction Surveys and Quality Parameters as Criteria for Physician Payment	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	Our AMA continues to communicate extensively with the Administration on the problems with measuring physicians on patient satisfaction and including measures in quality programs that are outside the direct control of physicians. Our 2014 Proposed Physician Fee Schedule comments thoroughly discussed the problems with this level of measurement and the need for better methodologies. In discussions on physician payment with commercial payers will indicate that subjective criteria, such as patient satisfaction surveys, should only be used only as an adjunctive and not a determinative measure of physician quality for the purpose of physician payment and when incorporating quality parameters, they only consider measures that are under the direct control of the physician. Our AMA has commissioned Rand to conduct a study in 2014 of the impact of new payment models on physician practices that could shed additional light on the use of quality measures on physician payment.
RES 103-A-13	Managed Care Contract Payment Should be Above Medicare Fees	Adopted.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to seeking legislation and/or regulation to prevent managed care companies from utilizing a physician payment schedule below the updated Medicare professional fee schedule. No further action required.
RES 104-A-13	Cost-Saving Public Coverage for Renal Transplant Patients	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to offering technical assistance to individual state and specialty societies when those societies lobby state or federal legislative or executive bodies to implement evidence-based cost-saving policies within public health insurance programs. No further action required.
RES 105-A-13	Reducing the Cost of Prescription Drugs to Low Income Seniors	Policies H-110.990 and H-330.902 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 105.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 106-A-13	Transitional Reinsurance Fees Under the Affordable Care Act	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 107-A-13	Medicare's Non-Existent Relationship to Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) Fees	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 108-A-13	Vaccines for Children Program and the New CPT Codes for Immunization Administration	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA is in discussions with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) about the status of and a plan for resolving problems with state Medicaid coverage of the CPT vaccine administration codes 90460 and 90461. These codes were adopted by CPT several years ago based on a proposal from the AAP aimed at more accurately reporting immunization services. No further action required.

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RES 109-A-13	Comprehensive Dental Coverage (Including Dental Implants) for Children with Orofacial Clefting	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 110-A-13	Language and Hearing Impaired Interpreter Services	Policies D-385.978, H-285.985 and H-160.924 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 110.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 111-A-13	Medicare Long Term Care Prior Hospitalization Requirement	Resolution 117 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 111.	See RES 117-A-13.
RES 112-A-13	Unfair Medicare Payment Practice	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)
RES 113-A-13	Making Medicare Price Standardization Accurate	Policies D-450.964, H-400.984, H-400.988 and H-400.966 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 113.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 114-A-13	Oncofertility and Fertility Preservation Treatment	Adopted.	No federal legislation has been introduced to mandate the coverage of fertility preservation services by all payers when iatrogenic infertility may be caused by oncologic treatments. No further action required.
RES 115-A-13	Medication Non-Adherence and Errors	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 11 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)
RES 116-A-13	Extending Medicaid Payment Increases to Primary Care Physicians to Include Obstetrician/Gynecologists	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)

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RES 117-A-13	Observation Status and Medicare Part A Qualification	Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 111.	Our AMA continues to advocate for legislation which would count observation care days toward the 72 hour criteria for Medicare SNF coverage. Initial conversations with committee staff regarding direct admission on the order of a physician have not been promising due to the likely high cost to the Medicare program. The Committee on Ways and Means continues to examine this issue and others related to short hospital stays. Our AMA addressed this issue with the committee in written submission to the Committee on Ways and Means May 20, 2014.
RES 118-A-13	Pap Testing Guidelines: HEDIS versus USPSTF	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Interim Meeting.
RES 119-A-13	Place of Service Code for Observation Services	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)
RES 120-A-13	Patient Access to Anti-Tuberculosis Medications	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 121-A-13	Need to Deactivate New Coding Edits that Bundle Evaluation and Management Codes and Codes for Immunization Services, Resulting in Decreased Immunization Rates for Children	Adopted.	Our AMA included this issue in a comment letter on the 2014 proposed regulations on physician payment policy, in which our AMA urged CMS to deactivate the edits associated with the use of Modifier 25 for billing childhood immunizations and wellness visits. No further action required.
RES 122-A-13	Health Insurer Code of Conduct Principles	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
RES 201-A-13	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 202-A-13	Increasing Public Service Opportunities for Specialists	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 203-A-13	Needle Exchange Programs	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 204-A-13	Programs to Combat Food Deserts	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 205-A-13	Preventing Penalties for Physicians Who Provide Care to Military Patients	Adopted.	Our AMA has advocated to CMS on numerous occasions for exemptions for certain situations to allow more physicians to avoid Medicare ePrescribing penalties. Most recently, our AMA specifically advocated for physicians who treat military patients to be exempt from ePrescribing penalties. No further action required.
RES 206-A-13	Preservation of the Public Health Infrastructure	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to continuing to support the work of the CDC, and the efforts of state and local health departments working to improve community health status, lower the risk of disease and protect the nation against epidemics and other catastrophes. No further action required.
RES 207-A-13	Physician Extenders Reimbursement	Policies D-390.971, H-330.932 and H-360.988 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 207.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 208-A-13	Allow Physicians to Receive “Dual Use” Supplies for In-Office Blood Collection	Adopted as Amended.	No legislation has been introduced allowing physicians to receive dual use supplies. No further action required.
RES 209-A-13	Extrapolation by Medicare Recovery Audit Contractors	Adopted.	Our AMA continues to strongly oppose the use of extrapolation by the Medicare Recovery Auditors, and to urge CMS to comply with Section 1893(f)(3) of the Social Security Act, most recently in an August 30 letter to CMS on suggested changes to the 2014 RAC Statement of Work. We also have urged Congress to prevent use of extrapolation by RACs. No further action required.
RES 210-A-13	High Federal Taxes on Good Health Insurance Plans	Not Adopted.	
RES 211-A-13	Call for Action for Support of Continuation of CO-OP Applications	Adopted as Amended.	The fact that no appropriations legislation has been enacted this year has precluded the ability to restore funding for CO-OPs. Our AMA will continue to seek opportunities to restore this funding. No further action required.
RES 212-A-13	Restricting Prescriptions to Medicare Beneficiaries	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 22 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)

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RES 213-A-13	Prescribing Controlled Substances in Long-Term Care	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 214-A-13	Gun Control and Research	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 215-A-13	Reform the U.S. Farm Bill to Improve U.S. Public Health and Food Sustainability	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 216-A-13	Recognizing the Diversity of Practice Models in the Transition from the SGR to a Higher Performing Medicare Program	Substitute Resolution 216 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 216, 217, 232, and 239.	<p>Legislation consistent with the first resolve has been reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and is under development in the Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee. Our AMA has been involved in these efforts in a significant manner and continues to advocate for the inclusion of a broad range of AMA supported policies. Fee for service opportunities have been preserved though the committees have declined to entertain private contracting as an explicit option beyond the limited opportunities available under current law.</p> <p>SGR repeal legislation that is consistent with this policy was reported by all three committees of jurisdiction in the U.S. Congress. Though Congress passed another patch rather than full reform legislation, efforts continue to address SGR during the lame duck session.</p>
RES 217-A-13	AMA HOD Support of the Physician-Led, Multi-Specialty, Integrated Accountable Practice Model (APM) as a Means of Replacing the SGR	Substitute Resolution 216 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 216, 217, 232, and 239.	See RES 216-A-13.
RES 218-A-13	AMA Response to Pharmacy Intrusion into Medical Practice	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	<p>The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) convened a stakeholder meeting to discuss physician and pharmacist views on recent procedures for verifying opioid analgesic prescriptions' legitimacy before dispensing. Our AMA stressed the difficulties of trying to appropriately prescribe for patients with serious pain problems who are then denied care and must leave the pharmacy without their medications. There was broad agreement on the need to continue working together to develop a common list of "red flags" for potential abuse and diversion, and a common set of policies for how to deal with these red flags. Our AMA also notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working on these issues.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>
RES 219-A-13	Discrimination Against Diabetic Truck Drivers	Not Adopted.	

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RES 220-A-13	Firearm Safety	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 221-A-13	Firearm Safety and Research, Reduction in Firearm Violence, and Enhancing Access to Mental Health Care	Substitute Resolution 221 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 221 and 222.	Our AMA has communicated to all members of Congress support for firearms-related research. The Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill includes \$10 million to build the public health research base on how to reduce the threat of firearm-related violence. It is unlikely that this bill will be brought to the floor. Our AMA also communicated with the Federation on the other key objectives of the resolution, including that AMA is committed to supporting initiatives to enhance access to mental and cognitive health care and working with the Federation to identify and develop standardized approaches to mental health assessment for potential violent behavior. No further action required.
RES 222-A-13	National Violent Death Reporting System	Substitute Resolution 221 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 221 and 222.	See RES 221-A-13.
RES 223-A-13	Promote MDs and DOs to Use Physician and Surgeon Designations	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 224-A-13	Reduction of Gun Violence	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 225-A-13	Regulatory Modernization	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA continuously looks for ways to reduce the regulatory impact of federal requirements on physicians and has a long history of pushing for regulatory reform. We have efforts underway with both the administration and Congress to address many issues, including: ICD-10, Meaningful Use, Physician Quality Reporting System, fraud and abuse, and Value-Based Modifier. Included in this ongoing work, we regularly seek the input of state and specialty societies to inform our advocacy. Our AMA supported Rand study on physician satisfaction will help with this topic. Our AMA continues to pursue an aggressive regulatory relief agenda both with the Hill and the Administration. We have had extensive meetings with senior Administration officials and Hill staff on all of the issues identified. In addition, we have sent numerous letters. Our efforts secured an ICD-10 delay as well as a number of changes to the Meaningful Use program.
RES 226-A-13	Submitting Recommendations to Medicare	Adopted as Amended.	In a comment letter to CMS, our AMA emphasized that many physicians are interested in the concept of bundled payments and other new models that are currently being tested by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). However, a backlog of proposals has hampered CMMI's ability to adequately respond to applicants' ideas. Our AMA has urged ameliorative action on this backlog. No further action required.

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RES 227-A-13	The Future of Genito-Urinary Treatment and Research	Adopted as Amended.	Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY) offered an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that would require a comprehensive policy on improvements to the care, management and transition of recovering service members with urotrauma from the Defense Department to the Veterans Affairs Department. The amendment was adopted in the NDAA, has passed the House, and is pending in the Senate. This was enacted into law as PUBLIC LAW 113–66 on December 26, 2013.
RES 228-A-13	The SAFE Act	Adopted.	Our AMA is sending a letter to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) advocating for them to seek an opinion and guidance on how physicians are to interpret New York State’s SAFE Act in light of federal HIPAA regulations. No further action required.
RES 229-A-13	Require Physician RAC Review and Approval	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA continues to advocate for numerous improvements to the RAC program, including but not limited to, that RACs should not be paid on a contingency fee structure and RACs should be subject to a penalty for incorrect overpayment determinations. No further action required.
RES 230-A-13	Rights of Medicare Beneficiaries to Receive Covered Services	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 22 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)
RES 231-A-13	Redefining the AMA's Position on ACA and Healthcare Reform	Adopted as Amended.	Board of Trustees Report 6 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Informational) HOD Action: Filed.
RES 232-A-13	Fee-for-Service	Substitute Resolution 216 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 216, 217, 232, and 239.	See RES 216-A-13.
RES 233-A-13	Strong Opposition to Cuts in Federal Funding for the Indian Health Service	Adopted.	The President’s FY2014 Budget proposal for the IHS included an increase of approximately \$500 million. The Senate Interior Appropriations bill included a similar amount. The House bill, however, included a decrease of approximately \$200 million. Based on the current political situation, it is unlikely that either amount will be enacted and that the continuing resolution will fund IHS at the previous level. The FY 2014 Omnibus Appropriations bill included \$4.3 billion for the Indian Health Service – \$78 million above the FY 2013 enacted level. The President’s FY 2015 Budget request for IHS included \$4.63 billion, an increase of \$200 million over the FY 2014 enacted level. Action by the House and Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittees on the FY 2015 numbers is pending.

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RES 234-A-13	Flexibility in Medicare Opt-Out and New Safe Harbor	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA continues to seek legislative opportunities to eliminate the need to reaffirm a Medicare opt-out decision. In a comment letter to CMS on Medicare Provider Enrollment, our AMA expressed concern about the requirement that a physician re-file an affidavit every two years to maintain opt-out status.</p> <p>Final SGR legislation eliminated the need to reaffirm Medicare opt-out decisions. The legislation was not taken up but efforts continue to move it in the lame duck session.</p>
RES 235-A-13	Exempt Physician-Administered Drugs From Medicare Sequestration	Adopted.	<p>Our AMA has sent a letter of support for the Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2013. This legislation would exempt Medicare Part B drugs from sequestration and reimburse providers for reductions in payments after April 1, 2013.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>
RES 236-A-13	Action to Eliminate Implementation of ICD-10	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA worked closely with Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX) toward the introduction of the Cutting Costly Codes Act of 2013 which would block the implementation of ICD-10. Companion legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Tom Coburn, MD (R-OK). Our AMA is vigorously advocating for repeal of the ICD-10 mandate imposed by CMS under HIPAA. Since A-13, we have spoken to CMS about this matter on numerous occasions both through formal and information conversations and continue to push for this on the Hill. Our AMA also takes every opportunity it can to remind CMS and other senior administration officials that this is an unfunded mandate that will have no return on investment for the average practicing physician. We continue to push HHS on this matter by reminding them that the ICD-10 mandate coincides with numerous other federal mandates making the move to the new code set an untenable one. Most recently we raised the issue of competing deadlines in a joint letter with the American Hospital Association (AHA) to HHS.</p> <p>SGR patch legislation included another delay of ICD-10 implementation until October 1, 2015. AMA continues to seek opportunities to eliminate this requirement.</p>
RES 237-A-13	Transparency of our American Medical Association's Policy Concerning the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Council on Medical Service Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Informational)</p> <p>HOD Action: Filed.</p>

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RES 238-A-13	Eligibility of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages for SNAP	Adopted.	<p>The AMA is developing an educational brief to educate physicians on the effects of SSBs on overall health and the importance educating patients on the subject. It will be posted on the AMA website.</p> <p>Our AMA joined the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and other national organizations on a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack advocating for pilot projects to promote healthier food and beverages purchased by SNAP beneficiaries. Our AMA also notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working with interested states and specialties in encouraging state health agencies to include educational materials about nutrition and healthy food and beverage choices in routine materials that are currently sent to SNAP recipients.</p> <p>Development of a concise one-page overview of the topic is in progress.</p>
RES 239-A-13	Recognizing the Diversity of Practice Modes in the Transition from the SGR to a Higher Performing Medicare Program	Substitute Resolution 216 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 216, 217, 232, and 239.	See RES 216-A-13.
RES 240-A-13	AMA Support for States in Their Development of Legislation to Support Physician-Led, Team Based Care	Adopted.	<p>Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to continuing to assist states in opposing legislation that would allow for the independent practice of certified registered nurse practitioners and enacting legislation that would define the valued role of mid-level and other health care professionals within a physician-led team based model structured to efficiently deliver optimal quality patient care and to assure patient safety.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>
RES 301-A-13	Systems-Based Practice Education for Medical Students and Resident/Fellow Physicians	Substitute Resolution 301 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 301, 303 and 313.	<p>AMA Policy Database Updated.</p> <p>The Association of American Medical Colleges, Liaison Committee on Medical Education, American Osteopathic Association, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>

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RES 302-A-13	Collaborative Effort to Reduce Federal Loan Interest Rates	Adopted as Amended.	<p>The Association of American Medical Colleges was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.</p> <p>In July and August, our AMA advocated for provisions in the Student Loan Certainty Act of 2013 that reformed medical student loan rates to be variable and capped at no more than five percent. Under the new law, the interest rates are now variable, as opposed to fixed, and medical students will see a modest decrease in their Stafford loan interest rates this year. Our AMA has maintained an open dialogue with the AAMC in our commitment to address the adverse impact of high student debt on medical students and advocate for long-term solutions to mitigate student loan burdens.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>
RES 303-A-13	Insurance Education for Medical Students	Substitute Resolution 301 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 301, 303 and 313.	See RES 301-A-13.
RES 304-A-13	Retaining Public Service Loan Forgiveness	Adopted as Amended.	<p>AMA Policy Database Updated.</p> <p>The Association of American Medical Colleges was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>
RES 305-A-13	Study on Decertification of Physicians Practicing With a Limited License	Adopted.	<p>The American Board of Medical Specialties and Federation of State Medical Boards were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>
RES 306-A-13	Evaluating the Effect of ACGME Resident Work Hours Reforms	Adopted as Amended.	<p>AMA Policy Database Updated.</p> <p>The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.</p>

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RES 307-A-13	Support for Residents and Fellows During Family and Medical Leave Time	Adopted as Amended.	The American Board of Medical Specialties and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. No further action required.
RES 308-A-13	Board Certification / Maintenance of Certification (MOC)	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CME Report 4-A-13.
RES 309-A-13	Maintenance of Certification and Licensure Versus Board Certification, Continuing Medical Education and Lifelong Commitment to Learning	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CME Report 4-A-13.
RES 310-A-13	Medical Facility Regulations for Students Shadowing Physicians	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 8 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 311-A-13	Transparency and Accountability for Specialty Boards and Maintenance of Certification	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CME Report 4-A-13.
RES 312-A-13	Basic Life Support Knowledge and Skills for Physicians	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 313-A-13	Advocacy Training in Medical Schools	Substitute Resolution 301 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 301, 303 and 313.	See RES 301-A-13.
RES 314-A-13	Maintaining Ophthalmology Residency Positions	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 315-A-13	Opposition to Mandatory Maintenance of Certification	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CME Report 4-A-13.
RES 316-A-13	The Availability of CME at Community Hospitals	Substitute Resolution 316 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 316.	The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. No further action required.
RES 317-A-13	Training in Reproductive Health Topics as a Requirement for Accreditation of Family Medicine Residencies	Adopted as Amended.	The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. No further action required.
RES 318-A-13	Seeking Continuing Medical Education Credits for Medical Reserve Corps Training	Not Adopted.	
RES 319-A-13	Maintenance of Certification - Part IV and Osteopathic Continuous Certification - Component 4	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CME Report 4-A-13.
RES 320-A-13	Support for Quality in Graduate Medical Education	Adopted.	The American Osteopathic Association, Association of American Medical Colleges and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. No further action required.
RES 401-A-13	Tornado and Storm Safety	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Interim Meeting.
RES 402-A-13	Clarifying AMA Tobacco Policies	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 403-A-13	Permitting Sunscreen in Schools	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated. Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working with interested states and specialties to support the exemption of sunscreen from over-the-counter medication possession bans in schools and encourage all schools to allow students to bring and possess sunscreen at school without restriction and without requiring physician authorization. No further action required.
RES 404-A-13	Poverty Screening as a Clinical Tool for Improving Health Outcomes	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 405-A-13	The Health Risks of Hydraulic Fracturing	Substitute Resolution 405 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 405.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 406-A-13	Acceptance of Entertainment Trauma	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 407-A-13	Tobacco Harm Reduction	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 408-A-13	Enhanced Education for Abrupt Cessation of Smoking	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 409-A-13	Banning Marketing and Sale of High-Energy/Stimulant Drinks to Children/Adolescents Under the Age of 18	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 410-A-13	Physicians and the Public Health Issue of Gun Safety	Adopted as Amended.	A letter has been sent to the Acting U.S. Surgeon General expressing AMA's concern regarding the serious public health consequences of firearm-related injuries and deaths in the U.S. and stating that areas with higher rates of gun ownership have significantly higher rates of homicide. The letter also states that the majority of firearm-related fatalities are suicides. The letter requests that the Surgeon General consider commissioning a report and campaign aimed at reducing firearm-related injuries and deaths in the U.S. No further action required.

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RES 411-A-13	Cheerleading as a Sport	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 9 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee D)
RES 412-A-13	Strategies to Increase Diabetes Awareness	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	The AMA is working with health professionals and community organizations in the development of initiatives which address diabetes prevention. Promotion of these initiatives will take place this calendar year at the local (pilot cities) and national levels. Diabetes prevention is a consistent message throughout AMA's Improving Health Outcomes initiative. It has been communicated in various speeches and media interviews. IHO and MAS staff have met to discuss implementation concepts for an educational event addressing prediabetes awareness and plans are in development.
RES 413-A-13	Health Risks of Sitting	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 414-A-13	Monitoring for Radiation in Seafood	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	A September 2013 FDA update concluded no evidence exists that radionuclides from the Fukushima incident are present in the U.S. food supply at levels that would pose a public health concern. This is true for both FDA-regulated food products imported from Japan and U.S. domestic food products, including seafood caught off the coast of the United States. FDA continues to closely monitor the situation at and around the Fukushima Dai-ichi facility and Import Alert # 99-33, which instructs FDA field personnel to detain food shipments from Japan if the food is likely to contain radionuclide contamination, remains active. In addition, FDA continues to test for radionuclides as part of its routine surveillance. No further action required.
RES 415-A-13	Prevention of Falls Through Windows	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 416-A-13	Public Education on Distracted Driving	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 417-A-13	Reaffirm Support of the Clean Air Act	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 418-A-13	Proper Pediatric Restraints Available on Airline Transportation	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 419-A-13	Celiac Disease Screening	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 420-A-13	Recognition of Obesity as a Disease	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 422-A-13	Adolescent Pregnancy and Non-Graduation from High School	Substitute Resolution 422 Adopted.	Information was included in the AMA Wire article Oct. 9, 2013: "Poverty-pregnancy message important one for teens," also a link was provided to the American Academy of Pediatrics website with a collection of publications that can help physicians engage with their patients about teen pregnancy. No further action required.
RES 423-A-13	Addressing Violence Prevention	Policies H-515.966 and H-515.982 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 423.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 501-A-13	Radiation Exposure Registry	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 502-A-13	Accounting for Socioeconomic Status in Clinical and Public Health Research	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 503-A-13	Support for Medicaid Reimbursement of Neonatal Male Circumcision	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 504-A-13	Skin Cancer Surveillance Through Lay Professional Education	Substitute Resolution 504 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 504.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 505-A-13	Medical Exemptions from Vaccines	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 506-A-13	Immunization Exemptions	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	A joint Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs – Council on Science and Public Health report on this topic will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 6 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Informational)

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RES 507-A-13	Over-the-Counter Access to Oral Contraceptives	Substitute Resolution 507 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 507.	A letter has been sent to the Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, U.S. FDA, asking the FDA to encourage manufacturers of oral contraceptive products to submit the required application containing data demonstrating consumer use safety (without health care provider intervention), as well as supporting evidence, so that the FDA could consider switching status from prescription to OTC for such products. AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 508-A-13	To Address National Shortages of Anti-Tuberculosis Medications	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 08 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 508, 510 and 517, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CSAPH Report 8-A-13.
RES 509-A-13	Increase Awareness of Haptention and Hypersensitivity Disorders	Referred for Decision.	The Board considered a report in response to Resolution 509-A-13 which asked that our AMA use its communication vehicles to: (1) make physicians aware of the processes of haptention and sensitization and their multiple ramifications; (2) help physicians teach patients methods to avoid exposure to haptens; (3) help physicians include chemical sensitivity in the differential diagnosis; and (4) help physicians take a history focused on exposures to toxins and symptoms related to known toxins and testing. It was noted that implementation of the resolution or further investigation of the evidence of CS is not aligned with the AMA's strategic priorities. Advocacy groups, such as the MCS-America, are currently working to increase CS awareness among patients and physicians. The Board VOTED that Resolution 509-A-13 not be adopted.
RES 510-A-13	Addressing Drug Shortages	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 08 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 508, 510 and 517, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CSAPH Report 8-A-13.
RES 511-A-13	Genetic Information Non-Discrimination in Insurance Coverage	Recommendations CSAPH Report 07 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 511, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CSAPH Report 07-A-13.
RES 512-A-13	Cannabis Decriminalization, Regulation, and Taxation	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. A Council on Science and Public Health Report (2-I-13) was presented to the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Recommendations in CSAPH Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.

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RES 513-A-13	Medication Collection "Take Back" Programs	Referred for Decision.	<p>The Board considered a report in response to Resolution 513-A-13 which asked that our AMA support medication collection or "take back" programs, funded in whole or part by the pharmaceutical industry, that help keep unused medications out of the environment and out of the hands of potential overdose victims or drug abusers. It was noted that AMA Policy H-135.936 supports initiatives designed to promote and facilitate the safe and appropriate disposal of unused medications.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that Resolution 513-A-13 not be adopted.</p>
RES 514-A-13	Blood Donor Deferral Criteria	Substitute Resolution 514 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 514. Policies H-50.974 and D-50.997 Rescinded.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 515-A-13	Targeted Tuberculosis Testing of School Children	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 516-A-13	Early Treatment and Partner Services for HIV	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 517-A-13	Declining Availability of Inexpensive Generic Medications	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 08 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 508, 510 and 517, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CSAPH Report 8-A-13.
RES 518-A-13	FDA Recommendation on Scheduling of Hydrocodone Combination Products	Substitute Resolution 518 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 518.	<p>Our AMA submitted a letter to the FDA which was posted on the government's regulations website urging that these drugs remain on Schedule III. Our AMA also wrote to the DEA about this issue, and has engaged in advocacy efforts with Members of Congress as well, due to legislative proposals to reschedule these drugs.</p> <p>Our AMA met with a number of Administration officials at various agencies. DEA published a proposed rule. Our AMA voiced concerns with the proposed rule in our own comments as well as in a joint letter with specialty societies.</p>

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RES 519-A-13	Genome Analysis and Variant Identification	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA has been a vocal supporter of efforts to improve data sharing among laboratories, payers, regulators, and providers. Our AMA and its collaborators, through coalition and advocacy work, have regularly engaged stakeholders in conversations about the importance of sharing genomic variant data along with associate clinical data that has been de-identified. As part of the Free the Data initiative, our AMA will continue to urge the placement of genomic data in publicly accessible databases that all researchers and health professionals can access. No further action required.
RES 520-A-13	Updating AMA Policy on Biosimilars	Substitute Resolution 520 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 520.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handboos for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee E)
RES 522-A-13	The Next Transformative Project: In Support of the BRAIN Initiative	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 601-A-13	Advanced Directives Counseling and Physician Billing for Involved Services	Not Adopted.	
RES 602-A-13	Mock Residency Interview Program	Adopted.	The expanded, pilot Mock Residency Interview Program was implemented in October as a benefit of membership to the IMG Audience. There have been 75 interview requests. Mock interviews will be available at the AMA Symposium on December 12, 2013. Mock Residency Interview packets were provided to the IMG Symposium participants who were interested in scheduling an interview.
RES 603-A-13	Potential Conflicts of Dates if the AMA Interim Meetings are Combined with the National Advocacy Conference and National Specialty Annual Meetings	Referred for Decision.	The Board considered a report in response to Resolution 603-A-13 which asked that our AMA conduct a survey to ascertain the dates of the future national specialty meetings; and make every effort to avoid future conflicting dates. Resolution 604 asked that our AMA conduct another survey to ascertain the future conflicts of the Interim Meeting and Specialty Societies Annual Meetings; and make every effort to avoid future conflicting dates. Both resolutions were affected by the adoption of Board of Trustees Report 30-A-13, "Future of the Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates," which retained both the Annual and Interim Meetings. As the goals of both resolutions are in line with current procedures, neither resolution need be adopted. The Board VOTED that Resolutions 603 and 604-A-13 not be adopted.

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RES 604-A-13	Conflict in Dates Between AMA Interim Meetings and Specialty Annual Meetings	Referred for Decision.	See Resolution 603-A-13.
RES 605-A-13	Revision of the AMA Current Procedural Terminology to Reflect EHR/EMR Documentation and Work Processes	Not Adopted.	
RES 606-A-13	AMA to Develop Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Candidates	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 5 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 608-A-13	Presidential Medal of Freedom	Referred for Decision.	The Board considered a report in response to Resolution 608-A-13 which asked that our AMA write a letter of support to President Obama on behalf of Dr R Adams Cowley to posthumously receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. It was noted that to the extent that such endorsements would require action by the Board through the Awards and Nominations Committee or by staff in vetting the nominee, such requests are a distraction from the AMA's strategic plan, particularly as we seek opportunities to promote our three strategic focus areas with policymakers. The Board VOTED that Resolution 608-A-13 not be adopted.
RES 609-A-13	Real Primary Prevention as a New Face of Our AMA	Adopted as Amended.	Board of Trustees Report 9 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Informational) HOD Action: Filed.
RES 610-A-13	Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act for Improved Access to Medical Research	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 29 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee F)
RES 701-A-13	Implementation and Funding of Childcare Services for Patients	Not Adopted.	

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RES 702-A-13	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Accountable Care Organizations, Public Health and Organized Medicine	Resolution 702 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 703.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 703-A-13	Population Based Practices in Accountable Care Organizations	Resolution 702 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 703.	See Resolution 702-A-13.
RES 704-A-13	Guidelines for Mobile Medical Applications and Devices	Adopted.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee E)
RES 705-A-13	Enhancing Accommodations for People with Disabilities	Substitute Resolution 705 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 706-A-13	Government Interference in the Practice of Medicine	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 707-A-13	Pediatric Medical Orders Between States	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 16 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
RES 708-A-13	Mental Health Services for School-Aged Children	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 12 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
RES 709-A-13	Improving Access to Physicians with the Special Skills Required in Geriatric Care	Adopted.	The AMA has policy that supports increased education in geriatric medicine so as to provide high quality health care for older patients. The AMA will continue to explore, monitor and advocate for policies that enhance geriatric health care on all levels. No further action required.
RES 710-A-13	Third-Party Payer Policies on Opioid Use Disorder Pharmacotherapy	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 711-A-13	Development of Models/Guidelines for Medical Teams	Adopted as Amended.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 6 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
RES 712-A-13	Patient Access to Independent Appeal and Grievance Procedures	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 713-A-13	Value of Group Medical Appointments	Adopted.	The Aug. 8 edition of AMA Morning Rounds contained a story about how "group medical appointments may be effective cost-savers." The story noted the benefit for patients with chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. No further action required.
RES 714-A-13	Mandating E-Prescribing	Adopted.	Our AMA continues to work aggressively for EHRs which work well for physicians as well as advocating for technology that addresses physician concerns, such as ePrescribing challenges related controlled substances. No further action required.
RES 715-A-13	Utilization of EMR and the Practice of "Cutting and Pasting" or Cloning	Substitute Resolution 715 Adopted.	Our AMA has worked aggressively to disabuse the Administration of the notion that physician are using EHRs to fraudulently upcode and that there are a variety of other reasons why costs may be increasing. Our AMA has been leading the charge in advocating for EHRs that work better for physicians and that physicians do not control the design of EHRs. Our AMA is also discussing with EHR vendors how to make products more usable outside of the Meaningful Use certification process. Board of Trustees Report 20 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
RES 716-A-13	Criminalization of Good Faith Errors	Substitute Resolution 716 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 717-A-13	Government Interference in the Patient-Physician Relationship	Adopted.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working with interested states and specialties to oppose any government regulation or legislation on the content of the individual clinical encounter between a patient and a physician without a compelling and evidence-based benefit to the patient, a substantial public health justification, or both. Moreover, our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working with interested states and specialties to educate lawmakers and industry experts on principles endorsed by the American College of Physicians. No further action required.
RES 718-A-13	Health Literacy in Healthcare Institutions	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 719-A-13	Prescription Management - Changing the Renewal Length to Improve Practice Efficiency and Quality of Care	Substitute Resolution 719 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 720-A-13	Standards for Electronic Medical Records	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA has been working aggressively to highlight to the Administration, as well as Congress, the impact poorly developed EHRs can have on patient safety. We have recently raised this issue in our response to a report published by several Senators. Further, testimony provided by our AMA before the ONC federal advisory workgroups makes recommendations to HHS on EHRs.</p> <p>Our AMA has met with numerous Administration officials as well as key Congressional staff to highlight the challenges. In addition, we have sent a number of letters. While much more remains to be done, we have secured extra hardship exemptions as well as extensions for participating in the Meaningful Use Stage 1.</p>
RES 721-A-13	EHR Standardization	Adopted.	<p>Our AMA testified before the ONC federal advisory workgroups that make recommendations to HHS on EHRs. AMA testimony detailed our ideas for creating more standardization among certified products. Our AMA will continue its regulatory and legislative efforts to make EHRs more usable for physicians.</p> <p>An ONC workgroup adopted AMA's recommendation to overhaul the certification process to make the products more usable for physicians.</p>
RES 722-A-13	On-Call Coverage Models	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	<p>Work has begun to compile examples of on-call coverage models that do not subject physicians to unrealistic and unduly burdensome demands.</p> <p>No additional activity to report.</p>
RES 723-A-13	Barriers to Electronic Health Record Connectivity	Substitute Resolution 723 Adopted.	<p>Our AMA testified before the ONC federal advisory workgroups that make recommendations to HHS on EHRs. AMA testimony detailed our ideas for creating more standardization among certified products. Our AMA will continue its regulatory and legislative efforts to make EHRs more usable for physicians.</p> <p>An ONC workgroup also called for the federal government to do more to make EHRs interoperable.</p>
RES 724-A-13	Defective Electronic Health Records	Policies D-478.995, D-478.996 and H-480.971 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 724.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 725-A-13	Electronic Health Record Penalties: Taxation Without Representation	Policy H-478.991 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 725.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 726-A-13	Physician Participation in Multiple Medicare Accountable Care Organizations	Substitute Resolution 726 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 726 and 733.	<p>Our AMA formed a coalition of specialties seeking changes in CMS' ACO exclusivity policy and developed a list of alternatives to address the problems created by the current policy for long term care and other physicians. Our AMA and other representatives of the group have had multiple communications with high level CMS staff, including several face to face meetings on this issue.</p> <p>Our AMA staff met with senior Administration officials, as well as MedPAC staff. Our concerns were outlined in a comment letter on ACOs to CMS. MedPAC staff recently presented recommendations to address the issue to the MedPAC commissioners.</p>
RES 727-A-13	Align the Recognition Periods for the Bridges to Excellence and the National Committee on Quality Assurance Recognition Programs	Adopted.	<p>A letter has been sent to the Executive Director of the Health Care Incentives Improvement Institute requesting that the Bridges to Excellence program align its validation periods with those of the NCQA.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>
RES 728-A-13	Data Transition Costs When Switching Electronic Medical Records	Referred.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 18 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)</p>
RES 729-A-13	Coordination of Benefits	Policy H-190.969 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 729.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 730-A-13	Diabetic Documentation Requirements	Adopted as Amended.	<p>The implementation of this resolution is currently under review by the AMA Office of the General Counsel.</p> <p>Research by the AMA Office of General Counsel indicated a reasonable basis did not exist for bringing a lawsuit against CMS related to diabetic documentation requirements. This has been explained to the author of RES 730 and to his specialty society.</p>
RES 731-A-13	Medical Staff-Hospital Compacts	Adopted as Amended.	<p>An AMA statement on medical staff-hospital compacts has been published on the AMA website (www.ama-assn.org/go/compacts) and disseminated via the Organized Medical Staff Section's semi-annual "Chief of Staff Letter" to medical staff leaders at hospitals across the United States.</p> <p>No additional activity to report.</p>
RES 732-A-13	Errors In Electronic Claims	Adopted.	<p>Our AMA has developed a new Administrative Simplification Initiative Website that will be operational in the Fall of 2013 that contains numerous electronic claims resources, including toolkits on electronic funds transfer and electronic remittance advice.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>

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RES 733-A-13	Physician Participation in Multiple Accountable Care Organizations	Substitute Resolution 726 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 726 and 733.	See RES 726-A-13.