Introduction by: New York
Subject: Opposition to Medicaid Work Requirement
Referred to: Reference Committee A
(Jonathan D. Leffert, MD, Chair)

Whereas, In recent years many states have expanded Medicaid eligibility; and
Whereas, Medicaid expansion has helped lower the uninsured rate; and
Whereas, The federal government has recently given states permission to obtain a waiver in order to impose work requirements on Medicaid beneficiaries; and
Whereas, Most non-elderly Medicaid adults already are working or face significant barriers to work; and
Whereas, It is unclear if tying eligibility to work promotes health or is instead an indicator of health; and
Whereas, Working at minimum wage may paradoxically render some people ineligible for Medicaid; and
Whereas, Tens of thousands of eligible people may lose coverage simply for failing to adequately document their eligibility; and
Whereas, Work requirements may support the goals of cash programs (such as welfare), it may be antithetical to the goals of health coverage programs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association reaffirm policy H-290.961 which opposes work requirements as a criterion for Medicaid eligibility. (Reaffirm HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

Opposition to Medicaid Work Requirements H-290.961
Our AMA opposes work requirements as a criterion for Medicaid eligibility.
Res. 802, I-17