Whereas, Physicians and practitioners who care for patients strive to give timely, compassionate and evidence based medical care that may involve narcotic prescriptions; and

Whereas, Insurers do not know the circumstances prompting the narcotic prescription; and

Whereas, Postoperative patients often require brief opioid prescriptions for pain management; and

Whereas, Some patients have been denied postoperative pain relief due to time consuming and inappropriate prior authorization; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association strongly oppose prior authorization requirements for postoperative analgesia equivalent to five days or less so as to prevent patient suffering. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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