Whereas, The Obama administration recognized marijuana as still illegal under the federal
Controlled Substances Act, but gave federal prosecutors permission to focus resources
elsewhere, as long as the states didn’t threaten other priorities, such as preventing the
distribution of the drug to minors or targeting cartels; and

Whereas, Earlier this year, Federal Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded the Obama
Administration guidelines which allowed those states authorizing the use of marijuana for
medical purposes under state law to do so without fear of federal prosecution; and

Whereas, The action by Attorney General Sessions may allow federal prosecutors to more
aggressively enforce marijuana laws, but it remains unclear how this action will impact states
where marijuana is legal for medical purposes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association seek clarification from the United States
Justice Department about possible federal prosecution of physicians who participate in a state
operated marijuana program for medical use and based on that clarification, provide guidance to
physicians. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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