Whereas, For the 2017 Quality Payment Program (QPP) physicians have the option to use
Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology certified to the 2014 or 2015 edition, or a
combination of 2014 or 2015 editions; and
Whereas, Starting in 2018, physicians are required to use only 2015 Certified Electronic Health
Record Technology (CEHRT); and
Whereas, Very few vendor products meet the 2015 certification criteria required for approval by
the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Health IT
Certification Program; and
Whereas, Mandating use of EHR technology certified to the 2015 edition CEHRT by 2018 may
unfairly subject physicians to financial penalties under the QPP or force them to file for hardship
exceptions due to unavailable vendor products; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association petition the Centers for Medicare and
Medicaid Services (CMS) to require Electronic Health Record (EHR) vendors, offering
technology for physician use, meet all current certification requirements as approved by the
ONC’s Health IT Certification Program (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate that EHR vendors, not physicians, be financially penalized
for EHR technology not meeting current standards. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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