Whereas, The multitude and ever-changing requirements of health plans and pharmacy benefit managers creates an enormous burden on physicians caring for their patients; and

Whereas, There are numerous similar medications for a prescribed class of pharmaceutical agent and different health plans mandate use of one or two due to contractual obligations and cost. In addition, these approved medications can change frequently within a single health plan; and

Whereas, Technology exists today to solve this problem; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate that health plans, pharmacies, and EHR vendors integrate their technology programs so that physicians have current and real time access to covered medications for patients within a specific health plan (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate that health plans make patient cost information readily available via this technology so that physicians and their patients may work together to choose the most cost-effective medically appropriate medication for patient care. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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