Whereas, Physician practices acquire EMR systems which have demonstrated the technological capability, functionality, and security requirements required by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and have received certification by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC); and

Whereas, Acquisition of the hardware and EMR software are a significant expense to the practice; and

Whereas, Physician practices are required to use certified EMR systems for participation in various government programs and with third party payors; and

Whereas, Government changes the requirements for participation in the various programs requiring updates in EMR software; and

Whereas, In many cases, EMR vendors pass on the cost of these updates to the physician practice; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate for policy requiring EMR vendors to absorb the cost of software updates required for compliance and participation in government and third-party programs, instead of passing on these expenses to physicians. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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