Whereas, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) expressed desire to revise current Evaluation and Management (E/M) documentation guidelines; and

Whereas, AMA also publishes E/M documentation guidelines in its annual CPT book; and

Whereas, The medical provider community benefits from the regulatory clarity achieved when both CMS and CPT documentation guidelines are aligned and consistent (as well as when other payer documentation requirements, such as those of Medicaid programs, are aligned) with CMS/Medicare and CPT; and

Whereas, Pediatric caregivers confront unique history, physical exam, and medical decision making challenges in documenting their patients’ care both from the perspective of progressively advancing age as well as evolving developmental stage; and

Whereas, The American Academy of Pediatrics is a fully committed participant in the CPT process and has extensive experience in representing the clinical and coding needs of the pediatric community; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, in the process of collaborating with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the future revision of Evaluation and Management Documentation Guidelines, our American Medical Association rely on the American Academy of Pediatrics in addressing the needs of pediatricians and their patients. (New HOD Policy)

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Proposed Rule, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 42 CFR Parts 405, 410, 414, 424, 425, Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2018; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; and Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (Page 374 of PDF).