Resolution: 201 (I-18)

Introduced by: Virginia

Subject: Reimbursement for Services Rendered During Pendency of Physician's Credentialing Application

Referred to: Reference Committee B
(Francis P. MacMillan, Jr., MD, Chair)

Whereas, AMA Policy H-180.956, “Physician Privileges Application – Timely Review by Managed Care,” states Medicare, Medicaid, and managed care organizations should retroactively compensate physicians for services rendered from the date of their credentialing; and

Whereas, HB 139 was successfully passed by the 2018 Virginia General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Northam. This allows physicians who are waiting to be credentialed by a health plan to see patients and retroactively receive payments if they are ultimately credentialed; and

Whereas, Physicians awaiting credentialing could be reimbursed $1000 per day during the credentialing process (Virginia Medical News – Spring/Summer 2018); therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association develop model state legislation for physicians being credentialed by a health plan to treat patients and retroactively receive payments if they are ultimately credentialed. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

Physician Privileges Application - Timely Review by Managed Care H-180.956

Our AMA policy is that: (1) final acceptance of residents who otherwise are approved by a health plan should be contingent upon the receipt of a letter from their program director stating that their training has been satisfactorily completed; (2) health plans which require board certification should allow the completing resident to be included in their plan after showing evidence of having completed the required training and of working towards fulfilling the requirements in the time frame established by their respective Board for completion of certification; and (3) Medicare, Medicaid, and managed care organizations should (a) make final physician credentialing determinations within 45 calendar days of receipt of a completed application; (b) grant provisional credentialing pending a final credentialing decision if the credentialing process exceeds 45 calendar days; and (c) retroactively compensate physicians for services rendered from the date of their credentialing.