Whereas, Many practicing physicians are experiencing a significant amount of frustration in the current practice of medicine; and

Whereas, Part of this frustration stems from the lack of understanding by federal and state governments, and other regulatory agency personnel about the clinical practice of medicine and the impact of over burdensome regulations; and

Whereas, It is helpful to have experienced physicians with clinical experience serving in government regulatory agencies to help those agencies understand how clinical medicine works; and

Whereas, Practicing physicians who are interested in gaining expertise in health policy have limited options to be placed in federal government or other regulatory agency positions if they choose to transition out of the clinical practice of medicine mid-career; and

Whereas, In the prior decade, the majority of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellows have been physicians (MD or DO); and

Whereas, Only two of the current eight Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellows are physicians (MD or DO); therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association, working with the state and specialty societies, make it a priority to give physicians the opportunity to serve in federal and state health care agency positions by providing the training and transitional opportunities to move from clinical practice to health policy (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA study and report back to the House of Delegates at the 2019 Interim Meeting with findings and recommendations for action on how best to increase opportunities to train physicians in transitioning from clinical practice to health policy (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA explore the creation of an AMA health policy fellowship, or work with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to ensure that there are designated physician fellowship positions within their Health Policy Fellowship program to train physicians in transitioning from clinical practice to health policy. (Directive to Take Action)

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