Whereas, Many patients are insured by third-party payers which require prior authorization before testing and therapies can be performed by a medical professional; and

Whereas, The prior authorization process may become arduous and time consuming causing delay in the performance of testing and therapies; and

Whereas, Many times the prior authorization process cannot be completed in a timely manner causing or contributing to the morbidity or mortality of the patient; and

Whereas, The physician is required to identify processes which primarily caused and secondarily contributed to the demise of a patient; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support the establishment of ICD codes, which cover and fully describe any and all such administrative and bureaucratic obstacles that may cause or in part contribute to a patient’s morbidity or mortality by both delay, as well as denial, of services. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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