Whereas, U.S. Congressmen and Senators are promoting “Medicare for all” proposals; and

Whereas, The concept is a single, government-controlled health insurance program that would cover every person in the United States; and

Whereas, The legislative language in one bill prohibits any private health insurer from offering any of the 10 statutorily designated categories of health benefits or specialize services authorized by Congress; and

Whereas, One House bill states “It is unlawful for a private health insurer to sell health coverage that duplicates the benefits provided under this Act”; and

Whereas, One House bill would prohibit Americans from purchasing any alternative health coverage, except for items such as “cosmetic surgery” and services the government deems “not medically necessary”; and

Whereas, A Senate bill prohibits any private health plan that “duplicates” the benefit coverage of the government's national health insurance program; and

Whereas, The Senate bill also outlaws employer sponsored health insurance and the House and Senate bills abolish Medicare; and

Whereas, The House and Senate bills abolish Medicaid, CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program), and Obamacare health plans; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support provisions in Federal legislation that:

1. Do not limit the choices available for Americans for health care coverage
2. Support improving existing health plans
3. Make any new plan voluntary
4. Do not eliminate the private insurance market. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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