Whereas, Many healthcare providers and established, quality-based referral patterns are threatened or already overtaken by monopoly network interests; and

Whereas, Many private and employed physicians’ voices are not being heard clearly because of some degree of risk of network exclusion/termination; and

Whereas, Despite the fact that the most valuable part within the network is the group of physicians, large provider systems will continue to commoditize physicians and physician services, and continue to compete on price, negatively impacting the already diminishing and set value share (compensation) of physicians in and out of large networks; and

Whereas, Delivering compassionate and personalized care to a patient is the most agreed-upon interest that we serve, and the foundation of this is a trusting doctor patient relationship, and now increasingly other interests are entering into and compromising this relationship; and

Whereas, Insurance providers and health delivery systems have inadvertently, or intentionally, added incredible levels of “red tape” to true health service; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association seek legislative or regulatory changes to allow physicians to collectively negotiate professional fees, compensation and contract terms without integration. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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