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Introduced by: New York

Subject: Eliminate the Word “Provider” from Healthcare Contracts

Referred to: Reference Committee B
(Charles Rothberg, MD, Chair)

Whereas, Many healthcare contracts from insurers and government agencies use the word “provider” to mean “physicians” and all other “healthcare professionals”; and

Whereas, The word “provider” is dictionary defined as one of the following: “wage earner”, “income producer”, “job holder”, “laborer”, “meal ticket”, and “one who brings home the bacon”; and

Whereas, It is demeaning to call a highly-educated physicians and healthcare professionals “providers”; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association seek legislation to ensure that all references to physicians in government and insurance contracts, agreements, published descriptions, and printed articles eliminate the word “provider” and substitute the accurate and proper term “physician”. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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