Introduced by: New York

Subject: Maintenance of Certification Moratorium

Referred to: Reference Committee C (Nicole Riddle, MD, Chair)

Whereas, Many physicians find elements of Continuous Certification/Maintenance of Certification (MOC) problematic; and

Whereas, Elements of MOC do not reflect the manner in which medicine is practiced; and

Whereas, Endless certification has become another element which contributes to physician stress and burnout; and

Whereas, MOC has harmed physicians—physically, emotionally, and economically; and

Whereas, Boards have reaped wealth at the expense of their diplomates; and

Whereas, Other professions require continuing education and professionalism, but none require secure examinations or "knowledge check-ins;" and

Whereas, The draft report of the Vision Initiative has found these issues and more; and

Whereas, The American College of Physicians, the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons, and the American Association of Plastic Surgeons and many state societies have all commented on the problematic state of MOC; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association call for an immediate end to the high stakes examination components as well as an end to the Quality Initiative (QI)/Practice Improvement (PI) components of Maintenance of Certification (MOC) (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA call for retention of continuing medical education (CME) and professionalism components (how physicians carry out their responsibilities safely and ethically) of MOC only (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA petition the American Board of Medical Specialties for the restoration of certification status for all diplomates who have lost certification status solely because they have not complied with MOC requirements. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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