

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 804  
(I-19)

Introduced by: Indiana

Subject: Protecting Seniors from Medicare Advantage Plans

Referred to: Reference Committee J  
(, Chair)

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1 Whereas, Medicare Advantage plans are heavily marketed to seniors by insurance companies,  
2 with less than ideal transparency in advertising; and  
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4 Whereas, These plans produce higher insurance company profits at cost to CMS because  
5 Advantage plans are paid at a higher rate than traditional Medicare; and  
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7 Whereas, There also is the potential for higher annual and lifetime costs for the patient under an  
8 Advantage Plan; and  
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10 Whereas, Presentations by insurance company officials to seniors can overemphasize the value  
11 of different options and can create confusion; therefore be it  
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13 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association encourage AARP, insurance companies  
14 and other vested parties to develop simplified tools and guidelines for comparing and  
15 contrasting Medicare Advantage plans. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: not yet determined.

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**RELEVANT AMA POLICY**

<https://policysearch.ama-assn.org/policyfinder/detail/comparing%20Medicare%20Advantage%20Plans?uri=%2FAMADoc%2FHOD.xml-H-285.902.xml>