Whereas, The definition of a new patient to a medical practice is a patient who has never been seen or a previous patient that has not been seen in three years; and

Whereas, A patient who has not been seen in over a year can have many major changes in their medical status; and

Whereas, Since the patient has not been there in a while, there is data in many categories of the evaluation that needs to be collected; and

Whereas, The necessary collection of this data takes extra time; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate for the definition of a “new patient” to represent the multitude of factors and time needed to appropriately evaluate a patient’s health condition and in accordance with relevant payer guidelines. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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