

SUBJECT TO RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REVIEW

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 114
(November 2020)

Introduced by: Infectious Diseases Society of America, American College of Emergency Physicians, Society of Hospital Medicine

Subject: Establishing a Professional Services Claims-Based ~~Payment~~ Enhancement for Activities Associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic

Referred to: Reference Committee A

1 Whereas, Over the past many months, our members ~~continue~~ to work vigorously to manage,
2 treat, and oversee the response to the COVID-19 ~~public~~ health emergency (PHE); and
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4 Whereas, Despite waivers enacted by the U.S. ~~Department of~~ Health and Human Services
5 during the COVID-19 pandemic that have helped provide relief to clinicians during this time,
6 there remains a significant need to recognize the enhanced, non-separately reimbursable work
7 performed by physicians during the PHE; and
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9 Whereas, Our AMA believes it is imperative that ~~clinicians~~ have the resources to confront the
10 pandemic and, eventually, engage in a ~~swift~~ recovery post-PHE; and
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12 Whereas, A long-term policy ~~that ensures additional resources~~ can be made quickly available
13 when future epidemics ~~arise~~ will be crucial to improving our collective response to infectious
14 disease outbreaks, but in the meantime, short term solutions are warranted to address needs in
15 the current PHE; and
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17 Whereas, The CARES Act Provider Relief Fund is intended to provide support for “health care
18 related ~~expenses~~ or lost revenue attributable to the coronavirus,” but not for the increased level
19 of effort ~~demanded by~~ delivering care in this environment; and
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21 Whereas, Several ~~national~~ specialty societies have worked cooperatively to establish a
22 professional services ~~claims~~-based payment enhancement proposal that would quickly channel
23 resources ~~to~~ health care practitioners on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore be it
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25 RESOLVED, ~~That our~~ American Medical Association work with other interested parties to
26 advocate for ~~regulatory~~ action on the part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to
27 implement a professional services claims-based payment enhancement to help recognize the
28 enhanced, non-separately reimbursable work performed by physicians during the COVID-19
29 Public Health Emergency. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Modest - between \$1,000 - \$5,000

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