

# 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

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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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