Whereas, An important tool in advancing an organization’s agenda is the ability to produce scientific or economic studies as evidence for supporting such a position; and

Whereas, An important tool in advancing an organization’s agenda is collaborating with diverse groups who together can present a unified perspective on a particular issue; and

Whereas, The AMA regularly works with numerous and varied organizations to build allies and obtain research data in support of its efforts to achieve its key public health and legislative goals; and

Whereas, The goals of organized medicine and allied organizations include advocacy on behalf of patients and public health in addition to physicians; and

Whereas, Advocacy supported by scientific and economic information carries more weight and benefits those advocacy efforts; and

Whereas, Opponents of the policy goals of organized medicine often have the capacity to produce such studies; and

Whereas, The recent debate before Congress to address surprise medical bills often found physician organizations at odds with the perspectives of not only the insurance industry, but also the business, labor, and patient advocacy organizations as well as numerous think tanks; and

Whereas, This debate reiterated the importance of developing allies and research data to help work to achieve these public health and legislative goals; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association continue and expand its efforts to work with allied groups, health care policy influencers such as think tanks, and entities that can produce high quality scientific evidence, to help generate support for the AMA’s key advocacy goals. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Minimal - less than $1,000

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

Statement of Collaborative Intent G-620.030

(1) The AMA House of Delegates endorses the following preamble of a Statement of Collaborative Intent: The Federation of Medicine is a collaborative partnership in medicine. This partnership is comprised of the independent and autonomous medical associations in the AMA House of Delegates and their component and related societies. As the assemblage of the Federation of Medicine, the AMA House of Delegates is the framework for this partnership. The goals of the Federation of Medicine are to: (a) achieve a unified voice for organized medicine; (b) work for the common good of all patients and physicians; (c) promote trust and cooperation among members of the Federation; and (d) advance the image of the medical profession; and (e) increase overall efficiency of organized medicine for the benefit of our member physicians.

(2) The AMA House of Delegates endorses the following principles of a Statement of Collaborative Intent: (a) Organizations in the Federation will collaborate in the development of joint programs and services that benefit patients and member physicians. (b) Organizations in the Federation will be supportive of membership at all levels of the Federation. (c) Organizations in the Federation will seek ways to enhance communications among physicians, between physicians and medical associations, and among organizations in the Federation. (d) Each organization in the Federation of Medicine will actively participate in the policy development process of the House of Delegates. (e) Organizations in the Federation have a right to express their policy positions. (f) Organizations in the Federation will support, whenever possible, the policies, advocacy positions, and strategies established by the Federation of Medicine. (g) Organizations in the Federation will support an environment of mutual trust and respect. (h) Organizations in the Federation will inform other organizations in the Federation in a timely manner whenever their major policies, positions, strategies, or public statements may be in conflict. (i) Organizations in the Federation will support the development and use of a mechanism to resolve disputes among member organizations. (j) Organizations in the Federation will actively work toward identification of ways in which participation in the Federation could benefit them.