AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 706
(A-22)

Introduced by: New York

Subject: Government Imposed Volume Requirements for Credentialing

Referred to: Reference Committee G

Whereas, The government will sometimes create volume requirements for credentialing; and

Whereas, Depending on the details, these requirements may or may not be appropriate and justified; and

Whereas, The AMA has no policy or guideline for determining whether such requirements would or would not be appropriate; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association create guidelines and standards for evaluation of government-imposed volume requirements for credentialing that would include at least the following considerations:

(a) the evidence for that volume requirement

(b) how many current practitioners meet that volume requirement

(c) how difficult it would be to meet that volume requirement

(d) the consequences to that practitioner of not meeting that volume requirement

(e) the consequences to the hospital and the community of losing the services of the practitioners who can't meet that volume requirement

(f) whether volumes of similar procedures could also reasonably be used to satisfy such a requirement. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Moderate - between $5,000 - $10,000

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

Reentry into Physician Practice H-230.953
Our AMA encourages: (1) hospitals to establish alternative processes to evaluate competence, for the purpose of credentialing, of physicians who do not meet the traditional minimum volume requirements needed to obtain and maintain credentials and privileges; and (2) The Joint Commission and other accrediting organizations to support alternative processes to evaluate competence, for the purpose of credentialing, of physicians who do not meet the traditional minimum volume requirements needed to obtain and maintain credentials and privileges. Citation: Res. 717, A-19; Reaffirmed: CMS Rep. 4, I-20