RECOMMENDED FOR REAFFIRMATION IN LIEU OF

(29) RESOLUTION 705 - AGING AND DEMENTIA FRIENDLY HEALTH SYSTEMS

RECOMMENDATION:

Policies H-280.944 and H-280.945 be reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 705.

HOD ACTION: Policies H-280.944 and H-280.945 reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 705

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association lobby Congress, state legislatures and appropriate organizations to expand community and home-based services to promote and support “aging in place” (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA develop educational resources for all health care professionals about ways that successful outcomes have been achieved to appropriately support patients as they age including those with dementia both in their homes as well as in health care systems. (Directive to Take Action)

Your Reference Committee heard testimony that was supportive of the spirit of this resolution; however, compelling testimony from the Council on Medical Service directed our attention to a recent Council report on this topic. Council on Medical Service Report 4-1-21 established Policy H-280.944 and reaffirmed Policy H-280.945. Your Reference Committee agrees with testimony that this is an important and timely issue; however, it is clear that the AMA has policy to address these concerns. Testimony noted that accessing these services in rural areas is especially challenging and your Reference Committee would encourage the AMA to explore ways to improve rural access to aging and dementia services.

Your Reference Committee believes this resolution is addressed by these policies and recommends Policies H-280.944 and H-280.945 be adopted in lieu of Resolution 705.

Financing of Home and Community-Based Services H-280.944

Our AMA supports: (1) federal funding for payment rates that promote access and greater utilization of home and community-based services (HCBS); (2) policies that help train, retain, and develop an adequate HCBS workforce; (3) efforts to simplify state plan amendments and Medicaid waivers to allow additional state flexibility to offer HCBS; (4) that Medicaid’s Money Follows the Person demonstration program be extended or made permanent; (5) cross-agency and federal-state strategies that can help improve coordination among HCBS programs and streamline funding and the provision of services; (6) HCBS programs tracking protocols and outcomes to make meaningful comparisons across states and identify best practices; and (7) that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and private insurers extend flexibility to implement innovative programs including but not limited to hospital at home programs.
Financing of Long-Term Services and Supports H-280.945
Our AMA supports:
(1) policies that standardize and simplify private LTCI to achieve increased
coverage and improved affordability;
(2) adding transferable and portable LTCI coverage as part of workplace automatic
enrollment with an opt-out provision potentially available to both current employees
and retirees;
(3) allowing employer-based retirement savings to be used for LTCI premiums and
LTSS expenses, including supporting penalty-free withdrawals from retirement
accounts for purchase of private LTCI;
(4) innovations in LTCI product design, including the insurance of home and
community-based services, and the marketing of long-term care products with
health insurance, life insurance, and annuities;
(5) permitting Medigap plans to offer a limited LTSS benefit as an optional
supplemental benefit or as separate insurance policy;
(6) Medicare Advantage plans offering LTSS in their benefit packages;
(7) permitting Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans to offer a respite care
benefit as an optional benefit;
(8) a back-end public catastrophic long-term care insurance program;
(9) incentivizing states to expand the availability of and access to home and
community-based services; and
(10) better integration of health and social services and supports, including the
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.

(30) RESOLUTION 728 - DISCHARGE CONSOLIDATED
CLINICAL DOCUMENT ARCHITECTURE (C-CDA)
MINIMUM DATA SET CONTENT AND ORDER PRIORITY

RECOMMENDATION:
Policies D-160.913, D-478.973, and D-478.996 be
reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 728.

HOD ACTION: Policies D-160.913, D-478.973, and D-
478.996 reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 728.