

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 107  
(A-24)

Introduced by: Mississippi

Subject: Requiring Government Agencies to Contract Only with Not-For-Profit Insurance Companies

Referred to: Reference Committee A

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- 1 Whereas, the medical system in the United States involves a market-like environment with a  
2 charity mission; and  
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4 Whereas, for profit insurance companies have taken over much of the health care system, with  
5 most of their profits directed to private entities outside of our health system; and  
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7 Whereas, many of the tactics for making a profit include strategies which complicate the  
8 provision of medical care for both the patient and the physician; and  
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10 Whereas, the Dutch health care system is recognized as a successful health care system using  
11 a market-type multi-payer system which utilizes not-for-profit cooperatives whose profits are  
12 allocated to reserves or returned in the form of lower premiums; and  
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14 Whereas, Medicare and Medicaid, which are government owned health insurance agencies,  
15 contract with insurance companies to operate aspects of the medical care delivery; therefore be  
16 it  
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18 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association advocate that government-owned health  
19 agencies such as Medicare and Medicaid be required to contract only with not-for-profit  
20 insurance companies or cooperatives (Directive to Take Action); and be it further  
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22 RESOLVED, that our AMA support that those not-for-profit insurance companies or  
23 cooperatives receiving public revenues must allocate profits to reserves, investments in  
24 improving the quality of care in the system, or returned in the form of lower premiums for  
25 patients or the health agency. (New HOD Policy).  
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Fiscal Note: Minimal - less than \$1,000

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