Whereas, insurance companies often require multiple physician signatures outside of a patient-physician office, nursing home or hospital visit for bureaucratic reasons or to place hurdles to obtaining testing, health services, medications, referrals, or medical equipment; and

Whereas, primary care physicians often have to sign dozens of signatures daily which are outside of the clinical visit in caring for patients; and

Whereas, this duty is often a significant burden on physician time and staff time which is not usually paid for; and

Whereas, physicians desire to care for their patients but often feel like these signatures are deliberately placed by the insurance companies to complicate the provision of services needed; and

Whereas, if insurance companies had to pay for a physician’s time in signing forms, they might reduce the administrative burdens currently imposed on physicians; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association advocate that insurance companies be required to pay a physician for any required physician signature and/or peer to peer review which is requested or required outside of a patient visit. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Minimal - less than $1,000

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