Resolved, that our American Medical Association advocate that no matter what may change in regard to a physician’s employment or job status, that there is a sacred relationship between an attending physician and his/her patient that leads the patient’s attending physician to hold the ultimate authority in the medical decision-making that affects that patient, and be it further

Resolved, that our AMA advocate strongly that if there is a unique circumstance that puts the attending physician’s care into question by a hospital administrator of any sort such as listed above but certainly not limited to that list—physician or not—in the event of a disagreement between an administrator and the attending physician regarding a decision one would call a mere judgment call, the onus would be on the administrator to prove to an ethics committee why the attending physician is wrong prior to anyone having the authority to overturn or overrule the order of the physician attending the patient directly (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
RESOLVED, That our AMA reaffirm that the responsibility for the care of the individual patient
lies with a prudent and responsible attending physician, and that his/her decisions should not
easily be overturned unless there has been an egregious and dangerous judgment error made,
and this would still call for an ethics committee consult in that instance (Reaffirm HOD Policy);
and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA aggressively pursue any encroachment of administrators upon the
medical decision making of attending physicians that is not in the best interest of patients as
strongly as possible, for there is no more sacred relationship than that of a doctor and his/her
patient, and as listed above, first, we do no harm. (Directive to Take Action)

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