WHEREAS, The American Medical Association awards the *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* for continuing medical education credit; and

WHEREAS, The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) is the organization the AMA has given authority to accredit providers of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*; and

WHEREAS, ACCME recognizes state medical societies to accredit local hospitals and organizations to provide CME credit in their state; and

WHEREAS, In August 2022, the ACCME announced it would no longer allow state medical societies with fewer than 20 accredited providers to be recognized accreditors. This change directly affects 19 state medical societies and indirectly affects the rest. Those directly affected include AL, AZ, HI, IA, IL, KY, ME, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NM, NC, OK, UT, VA, WV, and WI; and

WHEREAS, The state medical societies with fewer than 20 CME providers have until March of 2023 to notify ACCME whether they will: (a) Expand their accreditation program through recruitment of new providers to serve at least 20 eligible organizations; (b) Combine their program with one or more state medical societies (within regions defined by the ACCME) so that the merged/combined program has 20 or more accredited providers, or (c) Withdraw from recognition; and

WHEREAS, The ACCME requires state medical societies to implement the changes by January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Most impacted state medical societies were not included in formal discussions about this proposal and did not find out about this decision until receiving letters on August 1, 2022 from ACCME announcing their CME programs would no longer be included in the state medical society accreditor program; and

WHEREAS, Several state medical societies dispute the ACCME rationale for the change that reliability and accuracy of accreditation decisions are linked to the number of providers a state medical society accredits; and

WHEREAS, This proposed change will negatively affect hospitals and CME providers in rural and other underserved areas; therefore be it

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 313
(I-22)

Introduced by: Oklahoma, Arizona, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Iow, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Utah, Virginia

Subject: Request a two-year delay in ACCME Changes to State Medical Society Recognition Program

Referred to: Reference Committee C
RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association collaborate with Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) with a goal to secure a two-year delay in the implementation of any changes to the state medical society accredditor program. During that time, AMA, ACCME and state medical societies will work collaboratively to study the impact and unintended consequences of the proposed action and to create a plan that is in the best interests of all parties, including the continuing medical education providers currently accredited by state medical societies. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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