INTRODUCED BY: MedChi Public Health Committee
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SUBJECT: Transparency by Physician Reviewers for Insurance Formularies

Whereas, an Arizona physician serving on a state committee that decides which drugs should be
preferred for Medicaid patients, accepted more than $700,000 in perks and payments from drug
makers over four and a half years1; and

Whereas, the Governor of Arizona recently created new transparency rules for said state
committee, including mandatory conflict of interest training, public posting of disclosure forms,
required recusal for members with a conflict of interest, required disclosures for any individual
providing testimony, and required review of publicly available data on payments by
pharmaceutical and medical device companies to physicians2; and

Whereas, physicians who serve on review boards of insurance company formularies have an
obligation to serve those beneficiaries, and are therefore under obligation to be transparent about
any perceived or real conflicts of interest that arise prior to or during that board service; and
therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi ask our AMA to encourage states to require physicians who serve on
formulary review boards to disclose conflicts of interest; and be it further

Resolved, that MedChi ask our AMA to encourage insurance companies to require physicians who
serve on formulary review boards to disclose conflicts of interest.

As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 22, 2018.

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1https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/07/27/633147755/arizona-governor-takes-steps-to-blunt-industry-influence-on-medicaid
2 Id.