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SUBJECT: AMA-Provided Innovation Grants to Support New Physician Models to Improve Quality, Efficiency and Reduce Cost

Whereas, the medical community is changing dramatically, and cost, efficiency and quality are of the utmost concern; and

Whereas, physicians practice in many different settings; and

Whereas, there are possible cost, quality and efficiency benefits from data integration in a larger health system or group practice benefit; however data integration is an expensive endeavor; and

Whereas, the role of the AMA and other medical associations is to support physicians in all models in which they choose to practice, including independent, private practice; and

Whereas, the AMA initiated previously innovation grants totaling $11 million to medical schools to encourage new medical education models; and

Whereas, investment in possible new models of practice, data integration projects and/or other initiatives to improve quality and efficiency and reduce cost is in the best interest of our health care delivery system, profession of medicine and patients alike; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi submit to the AMA a resolution asking the AMA to develop innovation grants to explore new ways to improve quality and efficiency, and reduce cost in all medical practice settings, including independent private practice.

As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 27, 2014.