

SUBJECT: Patient Medical Care Expense Control

SUBMITTED BY: Cleveland (VII) District Academy of Osteopathic Medicine

REFERRED TO:

- 1 WHEREAS, The Federal Government has encouraged citizens to take control of person health care
2 issues; and
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4 WHEREAS, this includes encouragement to be frugal and shop for appropriate medical services; and
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6 WHEREAS, the growth of government approved high deductible insurances policies with associated
7 health savings accounts (HSA) has greatly increased the number of self paying patients; and
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9 WHEREAS, this has increased the out of pocket health care expenses for physician services, laboratory,
10 radiology, physical therapy, durable medical equipment, medications, and other services and supplies;
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13 WHEREAS, patients have little to no direction to assist with decisions in these purchases; and
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15 WHEREAS, there is no easily accessible source of pricing information for patients; and
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17 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of patients to provide information and transparency of pricing
18 information and to encourage an open and competitive market place for services; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Medicare reimbursement schedule for services effectively serves as a baseline for
21 essentially all parties; now, therefore, be it
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23 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA) encourage and support the development of a
24 Federal web site designed to provide simple, straight forward, and user friendly public access to the
25 Medicare reimbursement schedule for all medical services in all U.S. geographical market segments;
26 and, be it further
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28 RESOLVED, that this website provide a price basis for patients to compare with quoted prices for
29 services being considered for purchase by the patients; and, be it further
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31 RESOLVED, that a volunteer “store locator” link should be made for ZIP code specific sources of
32 services that desire to be listed along with their quoted pricing information; and, be it further
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34 RESOLVED, that any discounted pricing information provided by sources of services be disregarded by
35 the Federal Government in the development of Medicare reimbursement schedules; and, be it further
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37 RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the American Osteopathic Association
38 (AOA) for consideration at the 2011 AOA House of Delegates.