

**HOD ACTION on Private Contracting.**

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association commit to a well funded and top priority legislative and grassroots campaign to ensure passage of legislation in the US Congress that will ensure Medicare patients can keep their benefits when they privately contract with any physician of their choice with the AMA's "Medicare Patient Empowerment Act" as the centerpiece legislation the AMA supports (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA report back to the AMA House of Delegates on its progress in ensuring passage of the Medicare Patient Empowerment Act or similar legislation.  
(Directive to Take Action)

**HOD ACTION on PECOS Enrollment**

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association immediately prevail upon CMS at its highest level, preferably its newly appointed Director, Donald Berwick, MD, to postpone or suspend the January 3, 2011 deadline for physician enrollment in the Provider, Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS), until such time as (1) Physicians have been adequately informed and educated about their obligation to enroll in PECOS and (2) CMS has provided a straightforward, facile method for re-enrollment in Medicare, which is its method for enrolling physicians in PECOS (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association immediately take measures to alert the public and organizations that advocate for Medicare participants about the impending crisis in access to health care. (Directive to Take Action)