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3 **Title: Barriers to Connectivity**
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11 **House Action: Adopted**
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14 **Whereas, there is consensus among health care thought leaders that**
15 **patient health care information should be easily and transparently transmitted**
16 **across loci of care, and**

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18 **Whereas, there is groundswell of support for interconnectivity of**
19 **electronic health records in order to improve patient care and patient safety,**
20 **and**

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22 **Whereas, interconnectivity of physician electronic health records is**
23 **mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to achieve**
24 **“Meaningful Use,” and**

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26 **Whereas, there is considerable anecdotal evidence of health systems**
27 **refusing to connect with physician offices, often citing cost, "loyalty,"**
28 **proprietary concerns, or refusal of the physician to join the health systems'**
29 **Accountable Care Organization as the reasons for denial, and**

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31 **Whereas, a physician or physician group often has no power or leverage**
32 **to compel the health system to cooperate with the electronic interfaces;**
33 **therefore be it**

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35 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with governmental authorities and**
36 **purchasers of care to compel health systems to cooperate by developing**
37 **electronic interfaces with physician offices; and be it further**

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39 **RESOLVED: That our AMA work with the Centers for Medicare and**
40 **Medicaid Services (CMS) to compel and /or incentivize health systems to work**
41 **with physician practices to achieve interconnectivity through interfaces.**

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44 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**