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3 **Title: Submitting Recommendations to Medicare**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**
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11 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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14 **Whereas, many practicing physicians desire to participate in improving**
15 **health care delivery and reducing costs, and**
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17 **Whereas, there is no opportunity for the practicing physician to have two-**
18 **way communication with Medicare regarding the concerns of their patients and**
19 **themselves, and**
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21 **Whereas, the only portal to Medicare for practicing physicians to provide**
22 **suggestions to improve government sponsored health care and/or reduce costs**
23 **is through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Center website, and**
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25 **Whereas, the website does not acknowledge receipt of the suggestion,**
26 **nor its acceptance or rejection, and**
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28 **Whereas, submission constitutes consent for Medicare to utilize the idea**
29 **to develop requests for proposals, applications, studies, models to be tested,**
30 **and other purposes, without notifying or including the submitting physician,**
31 **and**
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33 **Whereas, this dissuades physicians from offering recommendations to**
34 **the federal government to improve care and/or reduce costs; therefore be it**
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36 **RESOLVED: That our AMA work with the Centers for Medicare and**
37 **Medicaid Services (CMS) and seek federal legislation, if necessary, to provide**
38 **for the following:**
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40 **A. That the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Center**
41 **website accept suggestions to improve health care and/or reduce costs from**
42 **physicians; acknowledge submission by receipt, and later notify the individual**
43 **of the decision on possible implementation with an explanation of the reasons**
44 **for the decision. If the decision is deemed worthy, the submitter should be kept**
45 **in the loop and encouraged to participate in further developing the idea if they**
46 **wish to remain involved.**

47 **B. To facilitate evaluation of ideas or policies that involve patient care**
48 **and affect the patient-physician relationship, both newly suggested and those**

49 already in place, appoint a panel of practicing clinicians including primary care
50 physicians, to assess suggested old and new ideas and policies.

51 C. Because the expected volume of suggestions will be high,
52 consider delegating the responsibility of assessing ideas and policies to each
53 of the State Medical Societies who will in turn forward recommendations to the
54 American Medical Association or directly to the Innovation Center.

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