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Title: Separate Palliative Deaths from the Mortality Statistics
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Referred to: Reference Committee C
House Action: Adopted.

Whereas, families are still looking to bring the sickest and dying patients to hospitals as the location of treatment, and

Whereas, traditional mortality rates at hospitals include deaths attributed to patients receiving comfort care in the hospital, and

Whereas, such data are unlikely to reflect the true nature of the quality of care delivered, and

Whereas, mortality data forms an important facet of publicly reported quality data; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That our AMA work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to develop a separate mortality statistic for hospital patients receiving comfort care so that mortality data reported in the quality reporting sites depicts the actual quality of care delivered.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE