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3 **Title: Oppose the “Value Modifier” or “Value-Based Payment Modifier”**
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9 **Referred to: Reaffirmation Calendar**
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11 **House Action: Approved**
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14 **Whereas, the Affordable Care Act created a “value modifier” or “value-based**
15 **payment modifier” program to apply to all physicians who actively participate in**
16 **Medicare by 2017, and**

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18 **Whereas, Medicare plans to use this initiative to either reward or penalize**
19 **physicians based on the relative calculated value similar to a rating scale, and**

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21 **Whereas, despite heroic efforts Medicare was unable to come up with a valid**
22 **performance scale or scoring system, and**

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24 **Whereas, the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) was meant to be the**
25 **pilot project before the implementation of this program, and**

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27 **Whereas, PQRS is fundamentally flawed in several aspects and even after six**
28 **years of implementation has dismal physician participation (30%), and**

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30 **Whereas, a recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine¹ reports that**
31 **“the medical profession has been remarkably quiet as this flawed approach proceeds;”**
32 **therefore be it**

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34 **RESOLVED: That the AMA immediately study Medicare’s roll-out of the “value**
35 **modifier” or “value-based payment modifier” program to all physicians by 2017**
36 **including the impact of rewards and penalties based on flawed quality measures and**
37 **the failed Physician Quality Reporting System program and advocate for the abolition**
38 **of this approach until solid performance indicators are tried, tested and widely**
39 **accepted; and be it further**

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41 **RESOLVED: That the AMA educate physicians about the ramifications of**
42 **Medicare’s “value modifier” or “value-based payment modifier” program which could**
43 **be another Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) in the making, in light of the New England**
44 **Journal of Medicine comment that “the medical profession has been remarkably quiet**
45 **as this flawed approach proceeds.”**

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47 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**
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¹ Berenson RA, Kaye DR. Grading a physician's value-the misapplication of performance measurement. N Engl J Med 2013; 369:2079-81.