

RESOLUTION 04-15

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3 Title: Limiting the Administration of Intravitreal Injections to
4 Ophthalmologists
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7 Surgeons
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13 House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**
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16 Whereas, injection of pharmacologic agents into the posterior segment of the
17 eye (i.e., intravitreal injections) may lead to retinal detachment, infection, or other
18 sight-threatening complications, and
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20 Whereas, administration of intravitreal injections requires medical assessment
21 of the eye prior to the procedure to evaluate any risk factors for complications, and
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23 Whereas, administration of intravitreal injections requires medical assessment
24 of the eye post-procedure, specifically to rule out retinal tears/detachments, retinal
25 artery perfusion deficits, lens trauma, and intraocular pressure [IOP] elevation, and
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27 Whereas, administration of intravitreal injections requires long-term post-
28 procedure monitoring for delayed complications, such as infections, and
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30 Whereas, the official policy of the American Academy of Ophthalmology is that
31 “patients undergoing intravitreal injections require the care and judgment of a
32 medically trained physician experienced in diagnosing and treating retinal diseases as
33 well as potential complications, which may necessitate surgical intervention,” and
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35 Whereas, ophthalmologists are the only medical professionals trained to
36 perform ocular surgery; therefore be it
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38 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS supports that intravitreal injections should only be
39 performed by licensed physicians appropriately trained to perform intravitreal
40 injections.
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