

RESOLUTION 54-15

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3 Title: Make Simplicity the Foremost Criteria for Any CMS Program
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11 House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**
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14 Whereas, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) periodically
15 initiates new programs, and
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17 Whereas, the published details of these programs are often hundreds, if not
18 thousands, of pages long, and
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20 Whereas, these complicated strategies, steps, and requirements do not come
21 close to meeting the gold standard of randomized trials, and
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23 Whereas, even the summaries of these programs consist of several pages
24 and are difficult to decipher without the help of special organizations and experts;
25 therefore be it
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27 **RESOLVED:** That the American Medical Association advocate for simplicity in
28 any current or future programs initiated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
29 Services; and be it further
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31 **RESOLVED:** That the American Medical Association advocate by all means
32 necessary that any current or future programs initiated by the Centers for Medicare
33 and Medicaid Services be summarized into an executive summary format easily
34 comprehensible to everyone in a medical office.
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37 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** None