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Title: Create New AMA Associate Membership Category
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Referred to: Reference Committee C
House Action: **DISAPPROVE**

Whereas, American Medical Association (AMA) membership is currently available to physicians, residents and medical students, and

Whereas, several categories of advanced practice providers such as nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, and physician's assistants form an integral part of the care delivery team, and

Whereas, by becoming a broad-based organization, the AMA will be able to advocate strongly for the benefit of patients, and

Whereas, such an arrangement will provide opportunities for members of previously mentioned categories of professions to voice their concern and support issues through the AMA platform, and

Whereas, there are several precedents for specialty societies to actively include advanced practice providers (e.g., Society of Hospital Medicine¹); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to provide a new membership category of associate membership for advanced practice providers such as nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, and physician's assistants who constitute integral parts of the care delivery team.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant AMA Policy:

Membership and Governance G-635.005

The House affirms that the AMA shall remain an association of voluntary, individual medical student and physician members and that the Association shall continue to be individually funded and organizationally governed through representation in the HOD.

AMA Membership Strategy: General Approaches G-635.010

- (1) Our AMA and its component societies adopt the principle that membership value, as reflected in the physician's perception of quality relative to cost, drives the decision about membership.
- (2) Our AMA and its component societies adopt the principle that membership retention is as important an activity as recruitment, and that an organizational focus for those efforts should be developed.
- (3) The actions and directions of the Board of Trustees and Executive Vice President, with regard to membership recruitment, retention, and satisfaction, should become the top priorities of every AMA staff member, at all levels of the organization, and of all the Association's elected leadership.
- (4) Our AMA seeks innovative means to change its governance and structure to better align membership and representation for the purpose of meeting member needs and unifying the House of Medicine.

(5) Our AMA will explore new avenues to increase member participation in the activities and governance of our AMA.

(6) Our AMA shall continue to utilize pilot programs to measure the success of innovative membership recruitment and retention activities.

(7) Our AMA will increase its staff and administrative efforts to become more of a local presence in the various regions of the United States.

¹ Join the Society of Hospital Medicine. Accessed at https://www.hospitalmedicine.org/Web/Membership/Web/Membership/membership_join_or_renew_society.aspx#benefit on February 28, 2017.