

WASHINGTON STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: C-7
(A-20)

Subject: Medicare Coverage During Health Care Emergencies
Introduced by: Sarah K. Weinberg, MD, Delegate
King County Medical Society
Referred to: Reference Committee C

1 WHEREAS, there is a public health emergency in the United States with the coronavirus
2 pandemic; and
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4 WHEREAS, it is important under the circumstances that all U.S. residents seek and obtain
5 needed health care promptly; and
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7 WHEREAS, lack of health insurance, and even small cost-sharing requirements have been
8 shown to reduce both needed and unnecessary health care;¹ and
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10 WHEREAS, there is appropriate legislation currently in Congress, the Health Care Emergency
11 Guarantee Act (H.R. 6906 & S. 3790); THEREFORE BE IT
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13 RESOLVED, that the WSMA instruct its AMA delegation to urge the AMA to support
14 legislation that would provide coverage through Medicare for all necessary health care for
15 residents without health insurance and also coverage for any cost-sharing for residents with
16 health insurance, until such time as a reliable COVID-19 vaccine is widely available and the
17 pandemic is under control. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: None

¹ Discussion of 1971-1986 RAND Health Insurance Experiment:
www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB9174.html.

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED _____ ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____
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