

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 235
(A-24)

Introduced by: New Jersey

Subject: Establish a Cyber-Security Relief Fund

Referred to: Reference Committee B

- 1 Whereas, Cyber-attacks are becoming frequent and that they will continue to escalate and
2 become more complex; and
3
4 Whereas, the recent cyber-attack on “Optum” resulted in thousands of Physician payments to
5 be withheld for several weeks or months resulting in devastating consequences to the several
6 thousand families because of inability to meet the payroll of the physicians and their employees;
7 and
8
9 Whereas, the financial impact is global, affecting private practicing Physicians, Medical groups,
10 and healthcare systems; and
11
12 Whereas, United Healthcare’s full year 2023 earnings from operations were \$32.4 billion;
13 therefore be it
14
15 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association, through appropriate channels, advocate
16 for a ‘Cyber Security Relief Fund’ to be established by Congress (Directive to Take Action); and
17 be it further
18
19 RESOLVED, that the “Cyber Security Relief Fund” be funded through contributions from health
20 insurance companies and all payers - as a mandated requirement by each of the payer
21 (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
22
23 RESOLVED, that the “Cyber Security Relief Fund” only be utilized for ‘uninterrupted’ payments
24 to all providers- in a structured way, in the event of future cyber-attacks affecting payments.
25 (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Moderate - between \$5,000 - \$10,000

Received: 5/3/2024