

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 705
(A-24)

Introduced by: Illinois
Subject: 20 Minute Primary Care Visits
Referred to: Reference Committee G

- 1 Whereas, the 20 minute primary care visit has been shown to lead to poor outcomes for patient
2 care and is causing burnout of primary care physicians; therefore be it
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4 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association ask that the appropriate AMA Council
5 conduct a study of the adverse effects of direct patient care time limitations on the quality of care
6 provided, as well as on patient and physician dissatisfaction, with a report back at the next AMA
7 Annual Meeting. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Modest - between \$1,000 - \$5,000

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

Limitation of Use of Time Component of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT-4) Coding H-70.976

Our AMA (1) adopts as policy that the time element in the new Evaluation and Management codes in the CPT-4 manual may be used to assist physicians and their staffs in determining appropriate levels of coding; (2) opposes the use of the time elements to (a) judge how many of any given type of visit may be performed in any one hour; and (b) deny or downgrade services submitted based on a cumulative time; (3) adopts as policy that there shall be no list of diagnoses used by third party payers to compare against the Evaluation and Management codes in such a fashion as to deny, downgrade, or in any other way seek to limit the submission of any CPT-4 code visit; (4) will monitor attempts by the third party payers to institute such time limits and diagnosis limits; and (5) will work with third party payers to prevent them from attempting to adopt and institute policies that would impose such time and diagnosis criteria.