

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 312
(A-09)

Introduced by: New Jersey, Louisiana and Oklahoma Delegations

Subject: Proposed Fee Increase by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education

Referred to: Reference Committee C
(Rodney G. Hood, MD, Chair)

- 1 Whereas, Physicians in New Jersey and throughout the United States are experiencing major
2 economic challenges; and
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4 Whereas, Hospitals and other healthcare facilities are also experiencing economic challenges,
5 and many in New Jersey and elsewhere are closing or filing for bankruptcy; and
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7 Whereas, Continuing medical education (CME) is required for licensure in New Jersey, and the
8 Medical Society of New Jersey, through its Continuing Medical Education Accreditation
9 Program, is providing a crucial means for hospitals and other healthcare facilities to provide the
10 necessary AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™; and
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12 Whereas, The Medical Society of New Jersey currently accredits 44 healthcare organizations in
13 New Jersey as CME providers; and
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15 Whereas, As noted in their letter of October 27, 2008 and memo of October 30, 2008, the
16 Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education has announced significantly increased
17 fees for accreditation; therefore be it
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19 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association strongly urge the Accreditation Council for
20 Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to reconsider the proposed fee increase (Directive to
21 Take Action); and be it further
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23 RESOLVED, That, if the ACCME refuses to reconsider the proposed fee increase, our AMA
24 investigate and recommend ways by which physicians may receive appropriate, accredited
25 continuing medical education other than through ACCME-accredited activities. (Directive to
26 Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.

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