(17) RESOLUTION 818 - OPPOSE 2015 MEDICARE PROPOSED/DRAFT LOCAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION FOR LOWER LIMB PROSTHESES

RECOMMENDATION:

Madam Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Substitute Resolution 818 be adopted.

OPPOSE LOCAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION FOR LOWER LIMB PROSTHESES

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association oppose local coverage determinations on lower limb prostheses that undermine physician judgment and compromise patient access (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA request that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) expeditiously host a national meeting open to all interested parties to focus on appropriate standards for lower limb prostheses that optimize care for patients. (Directive to Take Action)

**HOD ACTION: Substitute Resolution 818 adopted.**

Resolution 818 asks that our AMA express strong opposition to the July 16, 2015 Proposed/Draft Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for Lower Limb Prostheses; and request the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rescind the July 16, 2015 Proposed/Draft LCD for Lower Limb Prostheses and host a national meeting open to interested parties, including physicians trained in care of patients with amputations, prosthetists, patients including amputees, and other interested parties to focus on appropriate standards for lower limb prostheses that optimize care for our patients.

There was unanimous supportive testimony on this resolution. Your Reference Committee agrees with testimony that the proposed Local Coverage Determination (LCD) would eliminate or restrict coverage for many modern lower limb prostheses and replace them with outdated technology that has the practical effect of reducing the current standard of care. Because your Reference Committee believes this issue warrants enduring policy, it recommends broader substitute language deleting reference to the specific LCD at issue. Further, your Reference Committee notes that CMS is delaying the new prosthetics rule and convening a work group in 2016 to discuss the proposed LCD changes. As such, your Reference Committee recommends requesting that CMS expeditiously host a national meeting to garner stakeholder input. Accordingly, your Reference Committee recommends Substitute Resolution 818 be adopted in lieu of Resolution 818.