

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Resolution 4-2014 - Reimbursement for Inpatient Smoking Cessation Specialists

PRESENTED BY: Robert E. Schaaf, MD, President

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee

1 Resolution 4–2014, Reimbursement for Inpatient Smoking Cessation Specialists, was introduced
2 at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, by The Greater Greensboro Society of
3 Medicine.

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5 The Resolution called for the NCMS to adopt the following:

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7 RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Medical Society work toward gaining appropriate
8 reimbursement for inpatient smoking cessation specialists. This may involve NCMS delegates to
9 the AMA proposing this at the AMA meeting. It may involve collaboration with the NC Hospital
10 Association (***action***).

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12 The House of Delegates voted to refer the Resolution to the Board of Directors for **action**. The
13 NCMS Board of Directors referred Resolution 4-2014 to the Legislative Cabinet.

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15 The Legislative Cabinet conducted extensive conversation about the current practice of
16 providing smoking cessation counsel both in facilities as well as in office to patients. State
17 funds for smoking cessation have been purposefully limited over the last few budgets. The
18 AMA already has policy consistent with supporting a variety of smoking cessation programs.
19 The Cabinet understood the concerns addressed by the Resolution but believed that this did
20 not fit within the scope of priorities for the organization at this time.

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22 **RECOMMENDATION**

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24 The Legislative Cabinet recommends that Resolution 4-2014 be ***filed***.

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Fiscal Note: No additional funding above current resources estimated. Current resources will
be allocated based on the priorities of the Society and the NCMS budget.