

RESOLUTION NUMBER: E-3

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee on Medical Education and Hospitals

SUBJECT: Opposition to Mandatory Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

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1 WHEREAS; physicians are among the nation’s most rigorously trained professionals;

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3 WHEREAS; requirements for maintaining the skills needed to serve their patients

4 vary greatly depending upon their patient population and chosen set of treatments offered;

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6 WHEREAS; no one is in a better position than the individual physician to determine

7 how best to maintain the needed skills; and

8 WHEREAS; constant externally imposed study requirements tend to enforce

9 conformity rather than encourage the independence of thought essential for professionals;

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11 WHEREAS; mandatory recertification is likely to reduce access to care by

12 encouraging retirement of physicians who are providing excellent, much needed care; and

13 WHEREAS; the direct and indirect costs of mandatory recertification are

14 unprecedented in any other health care profession, resulting in unreasonable and unequal

15 burdens placed on physicians that require time away from their practices and caring for

16 patients that is not insignificant, as well as the direct monetary costs that are used solely for

17 the enrichment of private monopolistic corporations that inflict these unproven burdens; and

18 WHEREAS; mandatory recertification empowers government and disenfranchises

19 patients and professionals; and

20 WHEREAS; there is currently no existing South Carolina Medical Association
21 (SCMA) policy calling for opposition to mandatory maintenance of certification (MOC);
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED; that the SCMA oppose mandatory maintenance of certification for
24 licensure, hospital privileges and reimbursement from third party payers; and be it further

25 RESOLVED; that the SCMA supports continuing medical education by physicians.

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